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IRA threatens peace talks

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE IRA threw the peace process into turmoil yesterday by disavowing the so-called Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence to which its political wing, Sinn Fein, had solemnly committed

itself on Tuesday.
It also ruled out any disarmament during the the peace negotiations due to begin on Monday, and rejected the principle of consent whereby a majority of Northern Ireland's people would have to approve any constitutional change.

Outraged Unionists demanded Sinn Fein's expulsion from the negotiations and Ulster Unionist Party officials

BRITISH GAS is to cut bills

for prompt payers by up to £50

a year from January as compe-

tition within the industry in-

tensifies. But customers who

pay for their gas in advance

through meters — usually the

poorest people - will receive

Centrica, the British Gas

parent company, said yester-day that it had been able to cut

prices because of lower trans-

the gas levy next year.

port costs and the removal of

The average bill is expected

to fall by £28 a year. Six million customers who pay by

direct debit - and already

enjoy a 6 per cent discount for

doing so - will see their bills

fall by about £50, while up to

ten million people who settle

within ten days will benefit to

The move is certain to

heighten the price war be-tween Centrica and its main

rivals as the industry moves

towards nationwide competi-

tion in June. Rivals in the

South have been undercutting

Centrica by up to 20 per cent.

director of British Gas Trad-

ing, said the cuts were de-

signed to benefit as many customers as possible. But the

Gas Consumers Council gave

the move only a cautions

welcome, saying it would dis-

advantage poorer people who

prepaid their bills. Prices for

those customers have been

frozen pending an review by

the industry regulator Ofgas.

Sue Slipman, the consum-

ers' council director, said:

There are going to be mil-

lions of consumers who will be

better off because of this.

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Mike Alexander, managing

the tune of £33 a year.

no benefit.

said they saw no way that their executive would now agree to face-to-face talks with

Sinn Fein. Proximity talks remain a possibility. The British and Irish Governments and the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party all expressed dismay, while the Democratic Unionists claimed the IRA had "launched an Exocet" at

the entire peace process. The IRA's dramatic intervention came in the form of an interview in An Phoblacht, the Republican movement's offi-

Particularly for the elderly, for

those who pay promptly and use low volumes of gas, this is

"It is not good news, howev-

er, for the one million people

who have pre-payment me-

ters. What we cannot do is

abandon the poor, and that is

But Mr Alexander said that

people on pre-payment schemes were effectively still

getting a subsidy from other

British Gas customers. They already get a good deal because they are paying less

Ms Slipman also express

concern yesterday over plans

to reduce the smell of gas -

which unions interpreted as

an attempt to cut jobs. Natural gas has no odour

and a chemical is added to

domestic supplies so that leaks

can be detected. Transco, the

British Gas pipeline network.

is now studying whether to

reduce the levels of odorant to

Transco announced its pro-

posals during a cost-cutting

presentation to unions at

which plans to cut 2,500 jobs

were outlined. And yesterday

Unison claimed that the move

was designed to cut the num-

her of calls from the public

about leaks and thereby the

Unison general secretary,

said: "Lives will be put at risk

if Transco goes ahead with

this ludicrous plan. If gas is

made more difficult to smell it

will mean more gas leaks will

go undetected increasing the

likely risk of explosion, serious

plans to reduce the smell were

a cost-cutting ploy. A spokes-

man said: "Too much odorant

will give rise to unnecessary

emergency gas callouts, so

sources of real escapes."

diverting resources from the

Ms Slipman said: "It would

be foolish at the opening of the

competitive market for Trans-

co to do anything that would

But Transco denied that

injuries or even deaths."

number of gas engineers. Rodney Bickerstaffe, the

reduce emergency call-outs.

than the cost of supply."

what we are doing now."

Early payers

to see gas

bills fall

by up to £50

By Alasdair Murray and Christine Buckley

said that the IRA "would have problems with sections of the Mitchell principles" to which Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, pledged his total and absolute" commitment at Sturmont on Tuesday, Those principles include a commitment to democratic and exclusively peaceful means of resolving political issues, the renunciation of violence to influence negotiations, and the

total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations. Unionists have long demanded some IRA disarma-

ment as proof of Sinn Fein's commitment to peace, but the IRA spokesman insisted that no-one had "ever realistically expected us to agree to decom-missioning this side of a political settlement . . . decommissioning would be tantamount to surrender."

The IRA spokesman also rejected the principle of consent, saying the only valid consent was that of all Ireland. "The idea that a minority grouping in Ireland, situated within the Six Counties. should have a veto over polit-

ical progress in the island as a

republicans." Mitchel McLaughlin, the

Sinn Fein chairman, struggled to explain the interview yesterday. He insisted that it changed nothing and would help to clarify the situation before the negotiations. "Sinn Fein is a political party with a democratic mandate. We are not spokespersons for the IRA. We are not representing the IRA and we didn't sign up on behalf of the IRA."

But no one in Belfast, Dublin or London accepted that. Ken Maginnis of the UUP and

Terms to which Adams agreed prove unacceptable Peter Robinson of the DUP denounced Tuesday's ceremony as a sham and a charade and called on the Government to withdraw Sinn Fein's invitation to the

talks on Monday. The Northern Ireland Office, which said there was no doubt that Sinn Fein and the IRA were "inextricably link-ed", acknowledged that the interview was "worrying". And Bertie Ahern, the Taoiseach, said the interview was "a matter of major concern". He insisted that the entire republican movement had to honour the Mitchell principles.

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tourists

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beach

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI AND

JOANNA BALE

A BUS carrying British tour-ists had to escape from a

Kenyan beach yesterday after

a band of armed raiders

One Kenyan was killed and

two were wounded, witnesses said, when more than 60 men

armed with Kalashnikovs

descended on Ukunda town-

ship, 15 miles south of Mom-

basa. Bars and shops were set

Reinforcements from Ke-

nya's elite General Service

Unit were called after police

were forced to retreat. Fight-

ing between the two sides was

continuing near the beach

The Britons were being

driven from a Diani beach hotel to the Shima Hills Nat-

ional Park when their bus had

to be diverted. John Ajode, a

guide with Portland Holidays,

who was on the bus, said most

of the tourists now wanted

their holidays cancelled and they had asked him to orga-

resort last night.

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Covent Garden

nise immediate all-risk insurance cover. In recent weeks there have been a series of attacks on upcountry Kenyans living on the coast. Ethnic groups from the interior, who are regarded locally as being opposed to President Daniel arap Moi. are blamed for the violence

A Foreign Office spokesman said last night: "The honorary consul in Mombasa is urgentty checking on the safety of any British tourists."

which has claimed more than

50 victims since the middle of

Last month, thousands of Britons were confined to their hotels after five Kenyans were killed when youths armed with machetes and spears attacked a village north of

The Foreign Office has warned against travelling after dark and advises tourists to be "particularly vigilant and to keep in close touch with their tour operators, hotels and local authorities."

Around 100,000 Britons visit Kenya each year. However, its image as a holiday resort has been tarnished in recent years by the murder and rape of a number of tourists.

The 700th anniversary of Wallace's defeat of the English was marked at Stirling yesterday

Confusion over Scots voting

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTLAND'S chief returning officer had to contact all 32 voting areas during yesterday's referendum after confusion over the two ballot

automatically receiving their second ballot paper. The referendum questions

were on two sheets: the white asked if voters wanted a Scottish parliament and the green asked if they wanted the parliament to have tax varying powers. But there were complaints

Mr McIntosh said he did not believe the overall results had been seriously affected as the problem had been rectified quickly and no further difficulties had been reported since

officials were asking voters if

they wanted the second paper

or telling them to vote on the

first and return for the second.

that in some areas polling

jeopardise the public's confi-dence in gas safety." Neil McIntosh took the action after it emerged that voters in some areas were not Centrica results, page 23 Mouth-watering sweet reborn as star

OPAL FRUITS, the chewy sweets that are "made to make your mouth water", have fallen victim to globalisation and are to be renamed Starburst. the brand they are sold under in America and elsewhere.

BY DOMINIC WALSH

Mars, the confectionery group, was somewhat coy about its plans yesterday but admitted that from November it would be introducing the Starburst name via "an onpack flash" alongside the existing name. The company Witer unfit sat-fle jebe, ran.

used the same technique with

its Marathon bars in 1990. Initially the Snickers name appeared alongside Marathon, but gradually the Marathon brand was consigned to

But Mars was quick to point out that it is not all one-way traffic. In 1992, for example.

the company decided the Twix brand should take precedence over the name Raider used on the Continent

News of the demise of Opal Fruits is revealed in this veek's issue of Super-Marketing magazine. Linda Petrit, the magazine's editor. said: "There's always a risk in changing an established brand name, but then doubts were expressed when Mars decided to change Marathon to Snickers, which people have accepted. It makes sense for a company like Mars to have brands they can promote throughout the world." Mars's strategy is supported by industry statistics. In its

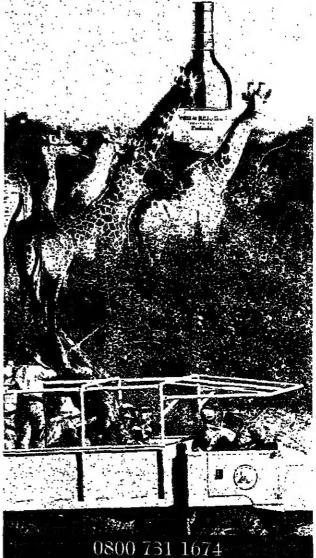
original guise, the Marathon bar was ninth in the list of best-selling confectionery in the UK. By the time it had become established as Snickers it had moved up to third. Indeed, Snickers sits just behind M & M's as the biggest selling confectionery brand in the world with sales of more than \$1 billion (£625 million).

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"It's nothing to do with devolution — Bob's up-set about Opal Fruits"

Didn't we see one on Safari?



ERNEST & JULIO GALLO CALIFORNIA



Unionists fear IRA move is aimed at them

AT LEAST four theories sur-faced in Belfast yesterday to explain the extraordinary timing of the IRA's apparent rejection of the route to peace in the republican newspaper.

The Sinn Fein leadership may have been trying to appease rebellious hardliners after Gerry Adams's adoption of the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence two days earlier. It may have been seeking to ensure that tomorrow's meeting of the Ulster Unionist Party executive decides not to join fullscale peace negotiations beginning on Monday. The IRA may have ordered its political wing to publish the interview. Or the terrorists may simply have been re-minding the world on the eve of the negotiations that they

Many Unionists favour the theory that, despite all Sinn Fein's appeals to the UUP to join the talks, it really does not want them at the table. The other two Unionist parties are boycotting the talks, and without the UUP the republicans may feel that the British and Irish Governments might impose a settlement more likely to lead to their goal of a united

Ireland. The republicans' strategy is ultimately for some kind of imposed settlement," said



Martin Fletcher looks at the possible reasons behind the terrorists' decision to throw the peace process into chaos

Ulster, who is about to publish a history of the IRA called The Politics of Illusion. "They tend to believe that, in the broader Protestant community, there's a constituency that will tolerate a move towards joint sovereignty for the sake of

The Sinn Fein leadership could have been reassuring hardliners in a divided republican movement that its espousal of the Mitchell principles was meaningless. An Phoblacht has been controlled by Mr Adams's allies since 1979 and has long been used to signal shifts in strategy. It is inconceivable that he was unaware of the interview, which was trumpeted across the front page and faxed to news organisations, or that a man so shrewd could not have realised its impact.

Supporting the idea that the IRA effectively ordered its political wing to publish the interview was the evident discomfort of the Sinn Fein spokesmen called on to defend it. The interview undermined the newspaper's own editorial,

pardise "the best chance of peace this country has seen in many generations". A source close to Sinn Fein suggested the party leadership was unhappy about the timing because it had switched media attention away from the UUP's big decision and onto Sinn Fein at a crucial moment.

Dr Patterson said it would have been "politically impossi-ble" for Sinn Fein to have refused the article if the IRA insisted because "you would be talking about an effective

Paul Bew, Professor of Politics at Queens University, saw the interview as a direct rebuff to Tony Blair's declaration on Monday that the Government would hold Sinn Fein rigidly to the Mitchell principles. "If they are locked into the process as defined by Mitchell they are trapped. They have therefore to indicate that they are not playing by the rules of the game.

Micheal Mac Donncha, An Phoblacht's editor, would cast no light on the mystery. He declined to comment, refer-



Mary Robinson at her presidential home in Dublin

Robinson bows out as she began

BY AUDREY MAGEE

MARY ROBINSON ends her seven-year term as President of the Irish Republic today as she began — looking after the less fortunate.

The President will open a housing project for the homeless in Dublin before returning to Aras an Uachtarain, the presidential home in Phoenix Park, to sign her letters of resignation. She will then fly to Geneva to take up her new position as United Nations Human Rights Commissioner.

Mrs Robinson's sevenyear term was not without its its critics, but to community, women's and human rights groups she is irreplaceable. They believe she fulfilled the promise she made in her 1990 inaugural speech when she said she would open the doors of the presidential home to the marginalised and deprived in society.

Lorna Siggins, author of an unofficial biography launched in Dublin last night, said she kept her promises at a time of great social change in Ireland and

Mrs Robinson, 52, moved easily between local national and international issues. highlighting the plight of famine-stricken Somalia and the chaos of Rwanda. She was as comfortable among the Protestant women of Belfast's Loyalist Shankill Road as she was with the Queen during her



Clark: Tory history

'Predicting death of **Princess** was creepy

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

ALAN CLARK spoke yester day of his horror at hearing of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, three weeks after he had predicted it.

Mr Clark, MP for Kensington and Chelsea, wrote an article in The Spectator last month in which he said the death of the Labour MP Gordon McMaster and the suicide of Lady Green and Lady Caithness were directly related to press harassment and the Princess was the

'ultimate trophy". He heard the news of her death when he arrived back from a fishing trip in Scotland. "I was horrified when I heard the news. It was very, very creepy. To come within three weeks of predicting it was very creepy," he said, but added: "I don't see why I should feel terrible about it. It's a fairly medieval precept to believe that people who predict things actually cause them to

happen. At the time he had been furious that Frank Johnson. Editor of The Spectator, had written the Princess into the copy by name. "It was obvious who I meant but it was

monstrous to do that." Mr Clark was speaking at the launch of his television series on the history of the Conservative Party. Arnid the a sort of Tory Party works canteen" as he put it) Mr Clark was determined to keep on his acdemic hat at a screening of the first episode of his fourpart series, Alan Clark's Hist-

ory of the Tory Party.

He pointed out that the final episode, covering the leadership of Margaret Thatcher and John Major, would be shown on the Sunday of the Tory party conference. The programme would clearly come as a shock to many. While he refused to reveal details he made it clear that there was no more of the adoration of Baroness Thatcher and the analysis of her sex appeal that had filled

his diaries. Instead, there would be a scholar's clinical appraisal of her place in a long history: "If you want sleaze or scandal or accusations, forget it. Don't switch on the TV or buy the

book," he said. Buying the book will be tricky. Mr Clark started work three years ago but while it had been planned to coincide with the television series he admitted yesterday that it is far from finished.

"In a sense it will never be finished," he sighed. "But it has to be. It's just that there's such a wealth of material and I want this to be a book that will be on the shelves of every Richard Morrison, page 31 university and school library."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Register will warn of failed research

failed medical research will be launched in Britain today to save time, money and patients being subjected to clinical trials of treatment already known to be useless. The idea, backed by 106 medical journals around the world, came from Ian Roberts, of the Institute of Child Health in London.

The British Medical Journal and The Lancet today urge clinical investigators to publish their failures as well as their successes. Their latest editions carry forms to en-able anyone who knows of an unpublished trial to send in information for an internet site. "Researchers are three: times more likely to publish their good news than their bad," Dr Roberts said.

Stalker gets life

A sex stalker who subjected women students in Glasgow's West End to a four-year reign of terror was jailed for life yesterday. Grant McCaskill

of Parkhead, Glasgow, pleaded guilty to six charges of indecent assault and further two charges of "Peep ing Tom" breach of the peace. charges. Nine other sex charges were dropped.

Dentist cleared

Mark Draper, 37, a dentist of Camden Town, northwest London, was acquitted of 12. charges of indecently assauling patients by tweaking their nipples. At his retrial at Kingston Crown Court, the jury found him not guilty on seven charges but could not agree on five others on which the prosecution offered no further evidence.

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Orimulsion off

National Power abandoned plans to use orimulsion dubbed the world's filthies fuel. The company planned to import and burn up to 6 million tonnes of the Venezuelan fuel in Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, creating 1,600 jobs. Environmentalists said an orimulsion spillage would be more difficult to

Faithful unite

The first purpose-built school for Anglicans and Roman Catholics in England opened yesterday. Emmaus School is. a tangible sign of the unity fostered on Merseyside by Bishop David Sheppard and the late Archbishop Derek Worlock. The school's emblem is a silver scallop shell with a cross, symbols of Christianity and pilgrimage.

Arsonist detained

A teenager who started 140 sentenced to indefinite detention yesterday. Darren Marklew, 16, of Kirby in Ashfield, got a thrill watching firefighters tackle the fires he had started, Nottingham Crown Court was told. He had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to arson with reckless disregard for life.

Biting the bullet

A batch of 34,000 plastic rounds used by security forces in Ulster has been withdrawn as too heavy, three months after an earlier batch was withdrawn. Inspection procedures have been introduced to ensure that plastic rounds made in current and future contracts conform exactly to specification, said the Ministry of Defence.

the Mitchell principles. Their affirmation of these principles is therefore IRA cessation. They also gave public that the new British Government commitments to move on a series of moved with some speed to deal with quite compatible with their position. confidence-building measures, inthe need for all-inclusive negotiations and the new Fianna Fail-led Govern-As to the IRA's attitude to the cluding PoWs, the Irish language anathema to republicans. ment in the South moved to help to and issues of equality of treatment.

THE interview in An Phoblacht (Republican News) is described as an assessment of the political climate by a spokesperson for the IRA leadership. Below are excerpts.

An Phoblacht: What were the key factors or changes which influenced the decision to restore the ceasefire? IRA: Our announcement of a restoration of the cessation did appear to catch most political commentators on the hop. But then many of these

put a peace process back on the rails from an Irish point of view.

The new British Government removed the precondition of decommissioning, they set a timeframe for substantive talks, they made it clear that such talks would be substantive An Phoblacht: Sinn Fein have affirmed the Mitchell principles. Do you have a view on that?

No change, in the terrorists' own words

IRA: Sinn Fein's stated commitment is to secure a peace settlement that both removes the causes of conflict and takes all the guns, British, our position. The key elements were lately after any announcement of an Fein position actually goes beyond all the people of Ireland. The idea political settlement.

Mitchell principles per se, well, the IRA would have problems with sections of the Mitchell principles. But then the IRA is not a participant in these talks.

An Phoblacht: Is there confusion as to the republican version of consent? IRA: Any consent requirement must that a minority grouping in Ireland. situated within the six counties, should have a veto over political progress in the island as a whole is

An Phoblacht: In the past the IRA have said there will be no decommissioning. Has your position changed in any way with regard to this?

IRA: No, our position on decommissioning has not changed in any way. I don't think anyone has ever realistically expected us to agree to commentators regularly call it and inclusive and that bilateral republican. Unionist, nationalist and be defined within the context of realistically expected us to agree to wrong, particularly with regard to meetings would start almost immed-loyalist, out of Irish politics. The Sinn British withdrawal and encompass decommissioning this side of a

Academy to keep Hindley portrait

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE controversial portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley made from children's handprints will not be withdrawn from an exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, it emerged yesterday. After one of the most passionate debates in memory, academicians voted against excluding it from the show.

"It was very close," said one spair over the outcome after the mother of one of Hindley's victims had begged the Academy to withdraw it. The issue of whether a

bastion of tradition should have staged an exhibition featuring blood, dismem-bered limbs and the Hindley portrait ensured that the de-bate lasted almost three hours. An official announcement will be made on

Tuesday.
About 40 of the 90 RAs attended the general assem-bly meeting behind closed

doors in Burlington House. One of them later expressed surprise that they had seemed so equally divided. Most of the discussion centred on the Hindley portrait by Marcus Harvey.

Works loaned to the exhibition, called Sensation, which opens on September 18, have been loaned by Charles Saatchi, the country's most prominent collector of contemporary art. Old school academicians

have been outraged by the inclusion of sculptures such as the Chapman brothers' dismembered, bloody limbs, torso and head of a mutilated corpse. Among the most fer-vent critics is Peter Coker. who earlier called for the resignation of Philip Dowson, the academy's president: David Gordon, the secretary, and Norman Rosenthal, the exhibitions secretary.

ability for the English regions

too, he said; for people to be closer to the decisions which

He made a special plea for

people to go out to vote on "this

crucial debate" and warned:

Don't let those voices carping

from the sidelines claim any

satisfaction from a low turn-

out. This referendum is about

a democratic assembly - ev-

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He also appeared to answer

some of the criticisms of

Welsh Labour MPs over devo-

bility to vote."

affect their daily lives.

Prescott urges Wales to give convincing vote for assembly.

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister, last night appealed to the Welsh people to vote "Yes" in next week's referendum on the creation of a Welsh assembly.

The Government is confident that a convincing vote in Scotland on devolution will boost support for a Welsh Assembly, and Mr Prescott last night told the Welsh that they too should vote for their own identity and voice.

At a rally of 700 supporters of a Welsh assembly, in Llantrisant, near Cardiff. he ed the Government's attempt to galvanise the Welsh vote amid some concern that the that the turnout low,

result could be narrow and In a rousing speech Mr Prescott dismissed notions lution and said an assembly that devolution was about the would end the quangocracy of break-up of the UK but about Wales and that his intention

bringing power to the people. was for the English regions He said the issue was "not one also to benefit from of Wales versus England in a decentralisation. frenzy of naked nationalism". The crowd were entertained but about accountability. The by a 1960s rock and roll band Government wanted account-

with Kim Howells, the junior Education and Employment Minister, and MP for Pontypridd, acting as master of Mr Prescott's visit to Wales

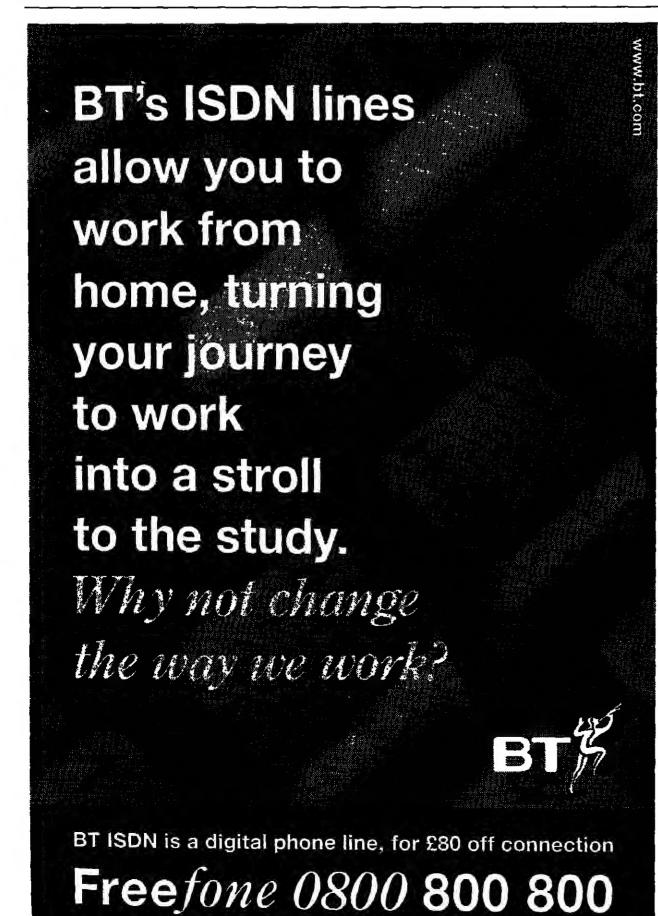
yesterday triggered the final build-up for campaigners in advance of the referendum vote next Thursday. Tony Blair is expected next week as well as other Cabinet ministers. Mr Prescott had to abandon plans to campaign on the ground in Wales and after the rally flew straight to Heathrow for a trip to India where

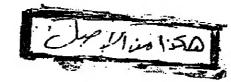
ment at the funeral of Mother

Democrat leader, at a rally in Llanelli last night also urged the Welsh to join the Scots in a

Ron Davies, Welsh Secretary, earlier yesterday at-tempted to clarify the future relations for Wales with the European Community after Denzil Davies, one of the Welsh Labour MPs critical of the assembly proposals, had suggested that in future Wales would have no voice in Europe on economic and agricultural negotiations.

The Welsh Secretary would have no access to the Council of Ministers if an assembly took over the role of the Welsh Office and suggested that members would be able to take part in negotiations on policy at all levels.





The blazing toast of New York

Angry wife demands chef and butler in divorce deal, as wealthy

life has 'left her unable to cook'. Tunku Varadarajan reports

A GLAMOROUS wife who has been the toast of New York is demanding that New York's divorce court makes sure she has the money to make toast. Jocelyn Wildenstein wants the services of a chef and a butler as part of her settlement from a billionaire art dealer, saying that her life in a gilded cage has left her unprepared for domestic chores such as lighting a stove and, especially, making toast.
"She would burn the toast

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every morning if she were on her own," said her lawyer. The voluptuous Mrs Wildenstein. 52, who found her 57year-old husband Alec in bed with a winsome 19-year-old, is suing for living expenses of about £130,000 a month. in addition to their townhouse on the Upper East Side, not to mention their 150-year-old castle outside Paris, their 66,000-acre ranch in Kenya. their stables in France, their Gulfstream jet and, particularly, the staggering ensemble of masterpieces the Wildenstein family has acquired since they began dealing in art at the turn of the century.

In Manhattan's nastiest divorce case, Wildenstein versus Wildenstein has put Broadway in the shade this week. Acerbic, vitriolic, highpowered and reeking of money, the case pits the aggressive Mr Wildenstien,



Alec Wildenstein: he is now banned from his own apartment, and from talking to his estranged wife

known art dealer, against the wife described recently by one gossip columnist described recently as having "finest pins in Manhanan".

Although their marriage has been described as "consistently loveless", the rupture was relatively recent. On September 3, Mrs Wildenstein. jet-lagged and dying for a hot bath", returned from Kenya to find her husband in bed with the 19-year-old.

It appears that she might have had an inkling of her husband's infidelity, for she the company of two burly

Mr Wildenstein pulled a gun on the trio, shouting loudly that they "did not belong" in his bedroom. The bodyguards, acting with commendable alacrity, dialled the police, who arrived within

Mr Wildenstein was arrested for threatening behaviour, hauled before a magistrate, and bound over to keep the peace. He cannot now enter his apartment, nor

broken", promptly sued for divorce on the grounds of adultery. Responding through his lawyer, Raoul Felder, Mr Wildenstein raged that he had been "set up". calling his wife "an hysterical individual standing there with a pair of scissors, ready to destroy me and my art collection".

Addressing the court, Mrs Wildenstein's lawyer told of a "conspiracy to bludgeon" his client, detailing how her money had been cut off, her chauffeured limousine grounded, her credit cards blocked. her bank accounts sequestered, and her butler and chef withdrawn. He said: "She may live in a luxurious townhouse, but to her it's a prison,

"She doesn't even have keys to the cupboards. She no longer has her staff. She doesn't even have access to the kitchen.

At this point the judge, Marilyn Diamond, interjected gently: "She could, perhaps, get a microwave." But showing, as the Daily News put it, that "Judge Diamond is a girl's best friend", the judge has ordered Mr Wildenstein to restore his wife's "allow-ances and basic amenities" as an interim measure.

Mrs Wildenstein appeared in a tight black suit, cut above the knee, with a vivid gold



Removal firm sold couple's furniture in error

By Michael Horsnell

GEORGE BULLOCK always dreamt of retiring to the lush pastures of the Loire Valley with his wife, Sylvia, after hanging up his brushes as a painter and decorator. A £30,000 converted barn in the village of St Clement de la Place, near Angers, provided

the perfect haven. The only thing that Mr Bullock, 83, and his wife, 65, have missed about their home in Harvington, Hereford and Worcester, for the past three months has been the furniture and a large quantity of their possessions.

The removal firm that was paid £2,000 to ship out their belongings mistakenly sent one of the four containers for auction. The couple have been left without dining table and chairs, three-piece suite, crockery, cutlery, table linen, clothing, music centre, coffee tables, farewell presents and

an antique glass cabinet.

Mrs Bullock said yesterday: "We have to sit at a garden table and chairs, and eat from a picnic set. The neighbours have been very good to us but we can't even ask them in for coffee because

we've only got plastic cups."

Mrs Bullock, who puts the couple's losses at £5,000, has so far received a cheque for £1,500. She was told that the contents of the container were mistakenly attributed to another client of the removal firm, and sold to cover a bad debt. The removal firm, Burke Brothers of Wolverhampton. has admitted the blunder. Chris Burke, of the firm, said: "We have apologised to the family many times. A loss adjuster is flying out to France to agree a settlement with them on our behalf and we are trying to track down who bought the goods."

John Ridgeway, of Perry

and Phillips, auctioneers in Bridgnorth, said: "We have done our best to find the buyers and have retrieved a statue of an eagle and slides which I took out because they looked to be personal to the family. Unfortunately the furniture and larger items were sold to trade and we have been able to trace them."

The heated dinners of Britain

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

WHILE Jocelyn Wildenstein denied all knowledge of cooking yesterday, a survey gave a portrait of life at British dinner parties where the hostesses have not been so fortunate as to marry a billionaire. A quarter were said to have become so traumatised by entertaining that they resorted to hurling objects around the kitchen and arguing with

their partners in front of guests.

Tension over who should do the cooking accounts for 29 per cent of all rows, with 74 per cent of women feeling. aggrieved for bearing the brunt of the work. Criticism of the cooking was a

cent, and flirting with female guests led to arguments for 35 per cent.

Arguments had resulted in physical

blows for 13 per cent of couples. A quarter of women claimed to have thrown kitchen objects, 29 per cent had stormed out and 24 per cent had gone to bed leaving partners at the stove. One in five hosts admitting to passing

off ready-prepared meals as their own. Southerners, especially in London, were the most likely to lie, while those in the North East spent the most time concocting special meals. The average cost of a dinner party for six ranged from £51 to £75, although 15 per cent of Londoners claimed to spend more than 2100 on food and drink. In the North East, the cost was £76-£100. In Scotland, it was said to be £21-£30.

A third of men said that they did the cooking, and were the more adventurous, a quarter claimed that they would prefer to serve ostrich or bison rather than chicken, pork, beef and rabbit. Two thirds of women said they preferred to stick to favourite recipes.

The NOP findings were based on interviews with more 800 adults. Jill Rawlins, a spokeswoman for the supermarket chain Somerfield, which commissioned the survey, said: "Most people enjoy being invited into other people's homes, but when it comes to repaying the favour, catering for

Penguins seek a new pool and lots of sprats

BIRD-LOVERS are being given the rare chance to pick up a penguin - or even a whole colony. They are among the attractions of a Dorset bird garden that is closing next month. Kevin Martin, the garden's owner, is selling all 2,000

birds, from flamingos and snowy owls to budgerigars and doves. The once-thriving Merley Bird Garden near Wimborne has lost out to competition from theme parks. Would-be bidders turning

up with a bird cage should be warned: not all the lots will thrive in a living room or garden pond and some may eat potential purchasers out of house and home. Penguins can gobble down

dozens of fish a day and Chilean flamingos need a bit more leg-room than the average pet. The flamingos and blue and gold macaws are worth up to £1,000 each. But the 50 Humbolt penguins could sell for much less than the normal £900 a head if they are bought as a job lot.

For those wanting some thing cheaper, there are handtamed African grey parrots for about £500, a snowy and an eagle owl at about £250 each,



penguins to be sold

and 500 budgies at pocket money prices. Mr Martin, 37, expects the budgies to end up in private homes while the more exotic birds will go to private collectors.

In the 1960s this was somewhere for people to bring their children to play in the park grounds, look at the birds and have lunch," Mr Martin said. Now most country pubs have playgrounds and some even have bird collections. We used

in March. They got away with £20,000 worth of parrots.

"All the birds have to go, so there are no reserve prices. The collection is valued at £50,000 but if it goes for £15,000 till be pleased. There will certainly be a few bargains. But if strangers turn up wanting a penguin we'll be asking a few questions. We don't want people trying to keep them in the bath." The garden will open its

ates for the last time on October 19 and the auction will take place three days later, with RSPCA inspectors on hand to advise potential buyers. None of the birds at Merley requires a special licence to own although some are more demanding than others. Mr Martin is hoping his penguins will be bought by another wildlife park rather than someone wanting and exotic pet. They require a pool, a lot of company and an endless supply of sprats.

Julie Briggs, for the RSPCA, said: "Birds like flamingos special environment and if a

to be one of the few tourist vould-be owner can't provide attractions in the area with 150,000 visitors a year. We're it they should not get involved Pigeon returns home in display of Yorkshire grit Paul Wilkinson on a prized bird's epic journey

A HOMING PIGEON has proved that stamina runs in the family by flying more than 1,500 miles from the southern tip of Spain. The bird's father, Bluey, achieved celebrity two years ago when it walked 60 miles home after being kidnapped and having its wings clipped.

The two year-old marathon bird, who had been taken to Algeriras by a Spanish pion-fancier, fluttered wearily into the loft of Dino Reardon, 66, in Skipton, North Yorkshire, on Saturday. The Spaniard had contacted Mr Reardon in April while on holiday after reading about Bluey and had taken the bird home with him.

Mr Reardon identified the Mr Reardon said that as the bird had arrived home on bird by its leg ring. He said: She was thin, bedraggled, Diana, Princess of Wales, he nourished and comletely worn out. I couldn't had named it Diana in tribute to her. "Diana was a gutsy believe it was her at first. I have kept pigeons for many woman who showed enor mous determination and this years and in my experience pigeon has the same qualities this is one of the longest trips to travel such a distance." eon has ever taken. that a pigeon has ever taken. But I might have expected it Major Edward Camilleri.

of the Royal Pigeon Racing - after all she is the daughter Association, thought it could have taken five days. He said: of Bluey and he is pretty She must have escaped "Racing pigeons make long journeys, but this is unusual and flown all the way back. I don't know how long the It's quite a feat and it must be journey took because I don't a bloody good pigeon.



Jailed Briton given date for arms trial

A BRITISH arms dealer who has spent almost two years in jail without trial appeared in a Calcutta court yesterday charged with the capital of-fence of "waging war against India".

Peter Bleach, who is conducting his own defence, was given a trial date of September 29. He pleaded not guilty to the main charge and to four other charges under India's Aircrafts Act and Arms Act.

Mr Bleach, a 45-year-old former lance corporal in the Army Intelligence Corps, was arrested in December 1995 after a Russian Antonov 26 in which he and a crew of five Latvians and a Dutchman were flying, was ordered to land in Bombay. They were accused of dropping arms, including 500 AK47 assault rifles, 250,000 rounds of ammunition and anti-tank grenades, to an anti-government fundamentalist Hindu group in West Bengal.

Mr Bleach says that he told the Ministry of Defence in London of the proposed arms drop and that he was working for British intelligence at the time of his arrest.

According to diplomatic

Michael Evans on a dealer who claims to have been working for British intelligence when he was arrested by the Indian authorities

not to continue with the

Mr Bleach, however, has

disputed this and has also said

he felt it was too dangerous to

back out because of his know-

The arms, which are under-

stood to have come from

Bulgaria, were dropped in

wooden crates by parachute over Purulia in West Bengal.

The plane was ordered to land

at Bombay after returning

that the arms were destined

for the Anand Marg Hindu

The Indian authorities said

from a trip to Thailamd.

ledge of the secret deal.

sources, Mr Bleach says that arms dealer, selling equip-he first approached the MoD's ment to the Bangladeshi ment to the Bangladeshi Army, when he was asked by Defence Export Sales Organ-isation (DESO) and subse-quently spoke to Special a Danish company to deliver a large quantity of arms to the Indian subcontinent. He con-Branch officers in North Yorktacted the MoD after realising shire, where he used to live. it was an illegal arms deal and Special Branch warned him

Yesterday the MoD con-firmed that Mr Bleach had contacted DESO in 1995. "The information provided by Mr Bleach was passed to the appropriate authorities within the United Kingdom," a

The Foreign Office said the matter was now sub judice and it was not possible to comment on the case. However, Foreign Office sources said that the information giv-en to the MoD by Mr Bleach had been passed to the Indian authorities.

The diplomatic sources say that Mr Bleach claimed to have set up as a legitimate

fundamentalist group, which was opposed to the Commu-nist government in West Bengal. The secret Hindu group had been founded as a welfare organisation. Mr Bleach, who has been

married three times but is now single, has been held at the Presidency prison in Calcutta since his arrest. He is charged under section 121-124 of the Indian Penal Code of waging war against India. If found guilty. he would face the death penalty or life imprisonment.

He has been visited once a

month by David Belgrove, British consul in Calcutta, who attended the hearing yesterday. Mr Belgrove said that Mr Bleach was being held in a cell on his own but had been allowed personal comforts including a proper mattress, a table and chair and a typewriter. He added: "We have supplied him with legal books to help him with his defence and he is in good

When the trial begins, Mr Bleach is expected to name the British officials he spoke to about the proposed secret gunrunning mission at a hotel in Piccadilly in September 1995.



Peter Bleach, who has been in a Calcutta jail awaiting trial since December 1995

£20m puts shine on Sheffield facelift

BY JOANNA BALE

FUNDING worth £36.5 million will go towards revital-ising Sheffield city centre and an historic dockyard in Kent, it was announced yesterday. Sheffield will benefit from a £20.5 million grant from the Millenium Commission and Chatham Dockyard has re-

ceived a £16 million package. most of which comes from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Sheffield won the money for the Remaking the Heart of the City project and plans that include a Winter Garden, an art gallery and three public squares. The project will cost

E)20 million when complete

and 1,800 jobs will be created. CORRECTION

A report (July 2) was wrong to suggest that Dr Maria Cristina Baldacci advocates sterilisation of the handicapped: neither she nor the Roman Catholic Church has ever endorsed eugenic poli-cies. The report should also have made clear that Dr Baldacci is handicapped.

Shelley weekend aims to reclaim monster

By MARK HENDERSON

ACADEMICS and fans of Mary Shelley will meet today to rehabilitate the novelist's most famous creation, Frankenstein's

Delegates at a confer-ence in Cambridge to commemorate the bicen-tenary of Shelley's birth hope to change the popular image of the charac-ter, which they say has been destroyed by film portrayals.

Mary Shelley's Fran-kenstein, published in 1818, presented Dr Victor Frankenstein's creature as an innocent who turns to violence as a response to a world that rejects him, rather than the inately evil Hammer Horror character that lives in

the public's imagination. Nora Crook, Reader in English at Anglia Poly-technic University in Cambridge, who is organ-ising the conference, said film versions of the creature had distorted one of the powerful moral stories of the 19th century. She said: "Of course the creature has to be terrifying, but it is important that he is also articulate, aware and seasitive, not the slow, dim-witted and dumb character we see in the

films." The monster has appeared in more than 110 films, beginning with Boris Karloff's famous pertraval in James Whale's 1931 Frankenstein. Robert De Niro was the most recent monster, starring in Kenneth Branagh's 1994 film Mary Shelley's

Toby Venables, a librarian at St John's College, Cambridge, said the nov-el's subtle treatment of nature and nurture was lost in the films and hence in public perception. "Frankenstein's monster is effectively a kid from a bad home who needed a good social worker to set

"He is not born evil, as the result of a bungled experiment with a criminal brain as we are often led to believe. It is after Frankenstein has sucreeded that he goes wrong, abandoning the creature and treating it

"It is a failure of his humanity not of his science which turns the creature into a monster."



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Photographers' lawyers want charges dropped

IN PARIS

LAWYERS for the photographers who were pursuing Diana. Princess of Wales when her car crashed called yesterday for the manslaughter charges against them to be dropped after the confirmation that the chauffeur was unfit to

In the past 48 hours the focus of the French judicial investigation has shifted from the paparazzi to Henri Paul, the deputy security director of the Paris Ritz, who was allowed to drive the car despite having drunk a large quantity of alcohol and taken powerful drugs.

traces of the anti-depressant Prozac and the sedative tiapride, a drug most often used to treat chronic alcoholics. Yesterday Le Parisien newspaper reported that some members of the Ritz staff "knew about this treatment" and "had just warned the management about it".

Since the latest findings, investigators have interviewed more than 30 employees at the Ritz, owned by Mohamed Al Fayed. If it can be proved that the management of the hotel was aware of M Paul's intoxicated state, or knew that he may have had a drink problem, they could face prosecution for negligence or endangering life.

rider placed under investigation last week said they believed that the men would not face prosecution after the latest tests, although they added that they did not expect that the charges would be dropped immediately.

Jean-Louis Pelletier, lawyer for one of the photographers, said: "Alcohol, antidepressants, excessive speed - in any other case than this, the driver, if he had survived, would have been prosecuted, punished, and punished severely.

The photographers say that they were some distance behind the car when it crashed. While the most serious charge of manslaughter

"failing to help persons in danger". One unnamed Ritz employee, who has been interviewed by

police, told Libération newspaper that he had seen M Paul drink two glasses of pastis in one of the hotel bars before he got behind the wheel of the Mercedes limousine.

Even if M Paul successfully masked his intoxication on the night of the crash, there are still unanswered questions over whether Ritz security staff, responsible for protecting and driving the Princess and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, were given regular health

Michael Cole, Mr Al Fayed's

alcoholic he would have been summarily dismissed". The family of M Paul and the Al Fayeds have called for another post-mortem examination. Giselle Paul, the driver's mother, denied that he was an alcoholic or suffered from depression. "Can one imagine that the Princess of Wales and Dodi Fayed would have agreed to get into a car

drunk?" she said. Police have carried out a search of M Paul's home in Paris in an effort to find out how long he had been taking Prozac and tiapride. His doctor in Paris was being

driven by someone who was

interviewed by police yesterday. The initial post-mortem exami-

M Paul given any hint of being an nation showed that M Paul had eaten no food on the night of the accident. Three blood tests indicated that he had drunk the equivalent of at least nine measures

of liquor. Jacques Langevin, a prizewinnning war photographer and one of those under investigation, said that M Paul had been showing off to photographers and behaving out of character before he drove off with the couple from the back door of the Ritz. "He came several times during the evening to strut about in front of them. He was playing the show-off. It seems that usually he had a serious air."

One of Mr Al Fayed's lawyers has agreed that M Paul was in no

insisted that the pack of photographers was still primarily at fault. Bernard Dertevelle said that the Ritz bore no responsibility. "Paul took the initiative to take the wheel," he said. "Nothing in his behaviour would have led one to believe he was so saturated with

Georges Kiejman, another of Mr Al Fayed's lawyers, said: The blood test does not interest me -

the chase does." One of the magistrates in charge of the case predicted yesterday that it would take months to resolve. saying that to complete it by June of next year would be an "excellent

Scouts and

Guides

clean-up

By DANIEL McGRORY SCOUTS and Guides led vol-

unteer helpers in Britain's

most melancholy clean-up op-

eration yesterday as they

began removing the millions

of blooms left in memory of

the Princess.

Lawyers representing the nine appears likely to be dropped, they Charities lose cash to memorial fund

By ALEXANDRA FREAN SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING charity whose patron is the Duke of Edinburgh said yesterday that the flood of public donations to the Diana. Princess of Wales Memorial Fund would do "deep and lasting" damage to other charities by diverting money away from them.

Action Research, a medical research charity for serious disabling diseases, said that the spontaneous and "euphoric" reaction of the public to the memorial fund had already led to a fall in its own income. The memorial fund has been receiving hundreds of thousands of pounds a day.

Anne Luther, Action Research's director general, said: "This could be a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul. This desire to give, to be associated with a 'suitable memorial' to Diana and the work she accomplished is understandable — we will all miss her deeply. But how many people will redirect their charity giving away from their usual and perhaps smaller

chosen charities?" In respect for the Princess, Action Research postponed a fundraising sports event planned for last Saturday in Northern Ireland. A volunteer planning to raise money in the London marathon is now giving the cash to the memorial



consultation" before any

final decisions were made.

Mr Brown had earlier

said it was important to

"consider what is a fitting

national memorial and to

listen to what the country is

☐ St James's Palace con-

firmed yesterday that the

Prince of Wales had taken

his sons back to school.

Prince William, 15, is at

Eton and Prince Harry, 12.

tive of the Parkinson's Disease

Society, where the Princess

was patron until her divorce,

said he believed that there was

a finite amount of money

people gave to the memorial

fund, other charities might

available for charities;

saying on this".

is at Ludgrove.

Earl Spencer, left, met Gordon Brown yesterday. and agreed that there should be no rush into decisions on a permanent memorial to the Princess's life and work. The Chancellor, who is chairing a group that will consider ideas, said that the meeting at Downing Street had

gone "very well". Lord Spencer, the Princess's brother, urged Mr Brown to hold the "utmost public

fund instead, and a local fundraising event organised for its benefit is to give half the proceeds to the fund. Ms Luther said: "Several other organisations are worried

Barry Brooking, chief execu-

donations immediately after the Princess's death from people wanting to make gifts in her memory, but they dried up as soon as the memorial fund was announced."

However, other charities believe that the growing public awareness about the extent of the Princess's commitment to charitable work may create a new climate of giving and selflessness in the long term. which could increase overall donations to charity.

A spokeswoman for Save the Children said: "We feel that, in the longer term, the spontaneous and generous re-sponse of the public could lead

to a greater wish to give."

The charity, which had no formal links with the Princess, had received a number of donations in her memory. The British Red Cross, which received £250,000, said: "It may encourage people to take more interest in charities."

☐ Elton John has refused to allow the BBC and ITN to use his rendition of Candle in the Wind in funeral videos, saying all the money should be given to the memorial fund. The television networks say they will make no profit, but cannot speak for retailers.

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Adam Hardham, a London Scout, carries away faded blooms from St James's Palace

Tourists jailed for theft of 'souvenirs'

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

TWO Slovakian holidaymakers who stole teddy bears and flowers from outside Westminster Abbey were each jailed for 28 days yesterday.
Roger Davies, the magistrate, told Maria Rigociova. 54. and Agnesa Sihelska, 50,

tormally result in custody but

he had a duty to reflect the outrage felt by the public. The two women, who were due to return home today, had kets of imitation flowers and their families. They were arrested early yesterday after

Rigociova and Sihelska, who are both married, said they had taken the souvenirs mementoes. They had

Nazir Afzal, for the prosecugrave-robbing. The court is ware of the sense of revulsion felt by the public."

Philip Hill, for the defence, said that in Slovakia it was a mementoes from on top of graves after funerals as keepakes and for other funerals. The two women looked

dazed as they left the court accompanied by their interpreter. They are to appeal today. On Wednesday Fabio Piras, a Sardinian, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for stealing a teddy bear from St James's Palace. The sentence was later re-

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The II teenagers joined by 40 members of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and staff from the Royal Parks began their sombre task at St James's Palace. They carefully untied and dusted down the soft toys that had been tied to trees, railings and the palace gates and stored them in cardboard boxes. The youngsters were often close to tears as they scooped

up the many thousands of poems, letters and notes of condolence. At a line of tables the flowers were sorted to see which were fresh enough to go to hospitals and old people's homes. Boxes of bouquets are to be sent to half a dozen hospitals today, including Great Ormand Street for Children, which was one of the Princese's favourite causes. David Welch, chief execu-

tive of the Royal Parks, said: "We want everyone to know it will not be rushed and we will treat each tribute in the same spirit as it was left. We reckon there are 1.5 million bouquets and as many tributes, poems and gifts so it will be six weeks at least, depending on how many more people want to leave flowers.

Those blooms that were too is considering renaming after

amilies are expected to visit

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

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Dr Sik's psychological study of 60 professional footballers has identified very different

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A team from Shef-

field University's Institute

of Work Psychology in-

vestigated 120 firms and

specialist personnel staff,

ing strategy and a low skill level. Professor Mich-

ael West said: "Everybody

found many had no

no proper training or

about needing to innovate

psychometric testing firms.

primitive methods to select

players, such as reports from

scouts. But the need for profil-

ing was becoming more im-

overseas players, whose per-

sonalities were largely un-

known. "Obviously football-

ing talent is important," he

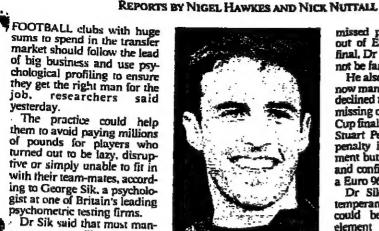
said. "But as many managers

say, there is not much to

divide players at the top level.

So temperament is very

yesterday.



Mr Penalty: England's Gareth Southgate

kinds of temperament. These include "Mr Penalty", the kind of player most likely to miss a crucial spot kick. "He likes to plan ahead rather than be rushed into things, is sensitive to criticism and is more pessimistic than optimistic."

Unfortunately this type is also team-spirited and will volunteer despite being totally unsuitable for the job. Asked if the profile was based on Gareth Southgate, whose

Within the NHS

things were equally bad. "Many organisations

are 50 years behind what

tists are discussing," he

said. "It is not enough

do a fundamental re-

view of how jobs are

to pay lip service to the

ithout being prepared to

organisational scien-

The player does not fit in." He would not be drawn on which players fitted the "Bad Boy" profile. But pundits might point to Stan Colly-**50 YEARS BEHIND THE TIMES** more, a highly talented player who became unsettled at Nottingham Forest and spent two has the capacity to be creative at work but surtroubled seasons at Liverpool before moving on to Aston prisingly little is done in practical terms to en-Villa. In just two seasons he commanded more than courage this facility."

£15 million in transfer fees. Dr Sik, of Saville and Holdsworth, carried out his research at clubs including Glasgow Celtic, Sheffield United and Crystal Palace. The psychologist said: "It is very apparent that the old 'Get your heads stuck in' school of management is unlikely to get good results." Big business recognised this and had for many years carried out psy-chological profiling of pro-

not be far off the mark."

a Euro 96 penalty shootout.

Dr Sik described another

element on a team and a

source of anger and anxiety

for managers. Such a player tended to be highly talented.

but lazy, and could move from

pounds without managers un-

derstanding why he never

"He is also tense, pessimis-

tic and sensitive to criticism.

But crucially hates demand-

ing and punishing excercise.

Managers tend not to like

people who profess openly

that they do not like training.



Virtual reality pathway to safer surgery

A VIRTUAL reality image is to be used to lessen the risk of operations for patients and medical staff. The three-dimensional picture of the patient's body will guide the surgeon's

The method will first be used to repair aneurysms, weaknesses in the aorta which can burst with fatal results if untreated. The repair can be made using keyhole surgery. avoiding the trauma of opening the chest. But the patient has to be X-rayed on the operating table, exposing everyone in the theatre to regular doses of radiation.

Professor Peter Bell, of the University of Leicester, told the meeting that the new technique, developed with Gus Alussi of University College London, required only one X-ray by a body scanner before the operation.

This was used to create a screen image of the topography of the body and the position of the aneurysm. The aneurysm can be several inches long and is repaired by inserting a stent, a fine metal mesh which reinforces the weak point.

Within a year, surgeons at Leicester Royal Infirmary will be able to guide the stent into position by watching the 3D image. The stent will be inserted through a small incision in the groin, and the position at any moment mapped by sensors and superimposed on the

virtual image of the patient. Professor Bell said the main advantage would be to reduce radiation exposure, but the operation could also be cheaper and more accurate. The first trials of the image system will be during conventional openchest operations.

☐ A laser scanner that can make 3D images of the body in seconds was demonstrated at the meeting by John Battle, the Science Minister. A black and white map of his face was produced by the device, developed by Duncan Hynd Associates and 3D Scanners with Surrey University.

The scanner was designed to help to produce better-fitting artificial limbs and body parts. It can also help to check healing of wounds, and may be used to direct radiotherapy more effectively.



Tutankhamun

Ancient Egypt had modern problems

MODERN man has much in common with the Ancient Egyptians. A study of mummies has found that the pharaohs and noble men and women of Egypt not only dyed their hair and pierced their ears, but often died from ailments

that plague us. Ron Snaith, a chemist and Egyptologist at Cambridge University, told the British Association: Everyone thinks heart disease is a result of a modern lifestyle. But the Ancient Egyptians suffered from the same discases as us, including a lot

of heart disease." The Pharaoh Merneptah died from a massive heart attack. Lung disease, due to sand rather than smoking, and leprosy were other causes of death. "You think of lenrosy as more at the time of Christ," Dr Snaith said.

The mummies also show car-piercing and blond and reddish-dyed hair from bleaching and henna-based compounds. birth, war and famine, he or she could expect to live until the age of 36.

Embalming was a pro-cess of desiccation akin to freeze-drying. Dr Snaith said. Embalmers were trying to mimic the extraordinary preservation powers of a shallow sandy grave by treating the body with a mineral rich in

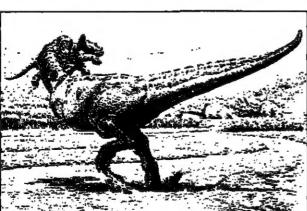
spective employees. T-rex became a monster hit with shake, rattle and roll

THE dinosaur Tyrannosaurus rex shook its prey into bite-size pieces between its teeth, because its diminutive arms were too small to get a grip. said a leading Russian expert. The arms were just big enough to enable it to roll itself upright after losing balance, otherwise it would have fallen flat on its face. The theory that the giant

dinosaur was a "shake-feeder - bitting on the prey and rattling it apart — means it had the same technique as modern creatures which have gained similar favour as movie monsters: sharks, croco-

diles, and killer whales. Theagarten Lingham-Soliar, of the Russian Academy of Sciences, said that shake-feeding provided the best explanation of how T-rex was a success in dismembering other animals: "It had serrated teeth, a powerful skull and neck, but the most ridiculous anterior limbs.

"It had two choices. It couldn't hold the prey in place but, if the prey were big enough, it could grab a piece of flesh and pull. The inertia of



Shake and snack: Tyrannosaurus rex on the prowl

while the flesh came away. In smaller prey, the force required to tear the flesh may be greater than the prey's inertia. so the alternative is to shake it to and fro, literally shake it apart. This places great stress on the predator's own head and neck, and requires the type of highly reinforced skull and powerful neck and body

seen in Tyrannosaurus." The British dinosaur expert David Norman has suggested that the heavily reinforced skull was used to ram prey

with the jaws agape, but Dr Lingham-Soliar said: This is unlikely. It would be like a human running with his mouth open at a brick wall. With the full weight of the tyrannosaur behind it, the teeth would be exposed to serious damage. In animals that ram, there is usually some reinforcement, like the

'beak' in bottle-nosed dolphins." Tyrannosaurus was a swift runner, capable of up to 30 mph, Dr Lingham-Soliar said. was a slow, lumbering beast which scavenged for food, comparison with modern-day ostriches shows many features in common, and ostriches are fast. Arguments against this include the suggestion that the bones of the creature were not strong enough to sustain a weight of up to seven tons at high speeds, but that was an oversimplification, he said.

"Other components such as cartilege, tendons, ligaments and the way in which these components and the separate bones of the leg are put together are essential to a real understanding." Thick pads of cartilege between the joints acted as shock-absorbers like those of cars.

The larger vegetarian dinosaurs were ten to 20 times heavier than Tyrannosaurus. and reliable trackways show long migrations: "If they were able to walk, tyrannosaurs

were able to run. The arms might have been useful in mating, but they would also help the dinosaurs get up when they fell: "They were just big enough to stop then falling flat on their faces."

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The rivals who fell by a neck

THEY look graceful and elegant, but giraffes have such high blood pressure that they are in danger of being martyrs to swollen ankles, the conference was told. The problem lies in coping with such a long neck, and it means that dinosaurs with far longer necks would never have been able to raise their heads to their full The giraffe needs a huge

heart to be able to pump blood to its brain, said Professor Tim Pedley, of Cambridge University. There were dinosaurs whose necks were three times longer than the giraffe's, such as Diplodocus, but if they had browsed in high trees, they would have

needed hearts too enormous to fit in their bodies. Professor Pedley said that, in fact, they never raised their necks aloft, but used them to dip their heads under water



to graze on the bottom of rivers and lakes. "If they raised their heads, they

would have fainted." The giraffe's heart was 2.3 per cent of total body mass, he said, compared with only 0.5 per cent for human beings. Their central arterial

blood pressure was 250mm of mercury, compared with 100mm in other mammals, including human beings. That means that pressure at the giraffe's feet was a remarkable 400mm. To prevent this causing swollen ankles. the giraffe had very tight skin

of support stockings.

Another way of easing the problem would be if blood flow in the giraffe's neck was controlled by a siphon, as had been suggested. Then the demand on the heart would be much less. But Professor Pedley demonstrated that this could not be true. If it were, at the point where the jugular vein emerged from the skull, its pressure would

around its feet, the equivalent

would collapse, preventing any flow. Measurements had shown that the jugular vein pressure in giraffes is greater than atmospheric, and does not decrease with height, as it would if a siphon were

operating. So, if the animal is going to browse in high trees, it has no recourse other than to have a very powerful heart.

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Minister 'vindicated' by lesbian admission

minister who has come out as a lesbian, said yesterday that she had been delighted by the

"incredibly positive" response. Miss Eagle, an Environ-ment Minister, said she had suffered some anxiety since for the first time in a newspaper interview at the beginning of the week. "Obviously there is a little bit of stress when you are contemplating something like this, coming out. At least, so far, the optimistic side of my nature has been vindicated, which I am extremely happy about. I hope it continues.

Her office said it had received many supportive messages. Last night she disclosed that she plans to make public appearances with her partner. eaking outside her home in her Wallasey consituency, she said: "We will step out in public at some stage, but it won't be in the near future. You have to understand that other peoples' feelings come

Miss Eagle, 36, who became MP for Wallasey in 1992

Angela Eagle tells Polly Newton she is delighted by the response

to her decision to come out

issued a statement thanking her constituents for their expressions of support: "Although a new aspect of my life has been made more widely known, I have not changed. I should like to reassure my constituents that I shall be working as hard on their behalf as I have always done."

Her decision to come out as lesbian - which makes her the first senior politician in Britain to do so - was praised by her twin sister, Maria, who was elected Labour MP for Liverpool Garston in May. She said: "This is something ! have known about for a very long time and I have always been supportive of her. She is very brave," she said. "Angela is a great MP and a great sister. I don't think it is a big

Don Prout, chairman of

nothing would change. "We already knew about this and I think she has shown great courage. I feel her constituents and the public will only respect and admire her openness. After all, this is the 1990s, not the 1890s."

In a statement, Mr Prout acknowledged that the disclosure might cause initial shock. but said he hoped that the MP would be allowed to carry out her duties without prejudice. He said he did not believe there had been any particular reason for Miss Eagle to come out now. "It was always just a matter of time and now felt

In her interview with The Independent, Miss Eagle said she had decided to speak openly about her sexuality for the first time in order to get to grips fully with her ministerial job. "Now I am at the stage where I need to get things sorted so I can just concentrate on my work.

There was support for Miss Eagle from OutRage, the homosexual rights grown which described her decision as courageous and positive. Peter Tatchell, from the group, said: "People admire honesty in public life and Angela's openness will win her a lot of respect and support. We hope more gay MPs will follow her

splendid example." He claimed that around 60 MPs were either lesbian, gay or bisexual. "Some hold senior positions in the three main parties. There is no reason why they should remain secretive about their sexuality. That only fuels the idea that there is something shameful about

being gay.
The fear of coming out is far worse than the consequences. It certainly has not damaged the career of Chris Smith MP, who came out in-1984 and is now the Secretary for Culture, Media and

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Angela Eagle plans to make public appearances with her partner, although "it won't be in the near future"

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Survey shows 8m adults are poor readers. By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MORE than one adult in five is a poor reader, according a survey published yesterday which suggests that standards of literacy in Britain are lower than previously believed.

The first national survey to use a random sample of working-age adults suggests nearly eight million people have weak reading skills. An even larger number struggle with basic mathematics.

A sample of 3,800 people aged 16 to 65 was tested by the Office for National Statistics. The results showed that 22 per cent could not make an accurate comparison of two pieces of written information while 23 per cent were unable to do

found in a text. Those aged over 45 showed the lowest level of literacy. Women and men were equally good at straightforward understanding of newspaper articles and passages of fiction, but men performed better using information from timetables and graphs and in

numerical calculations. The study is part of a programme comparing basic skills in more than 20 countries. Although the results will not be known until next year. Britain has among the poorest records of those whose scores have aiready been published. Of the countries surveyed -

Britain, Germany, Poland The Netherlands, Swede Switzerland, the United States and Canada - only Poland has more people over 56 at the lowest level of literacy.

In the youngest age group Sweden, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Canada had a better record. The 17 per cent. of Britons in the lowest categowere exceeded only in Poland and the US. There was no significant difference between literacy standards in England and Scotland but in Wales far fewer adults

reached the highest level. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, who has given priority to improving literacy and num-eracy, said: "Sound literacy and numeracy skills provide the bedrock for all subsequent learning. We have appointed an advisory group on adult learning and we will be pub-lishing a policy paper on lifelong learning before the

end of the year." Alan Wells, director of the Basic Skills Agency, said shortcomings were worse than previously thought. "This also suggests we have a greater number of people with weak reading skills than almost all the other industrialised countries in the survey."

Education, page 35

Ofsted picks first council targets

SIX local authorities with the Sandwell, Leicestershire and worst examination results in England will be among the first dozen to be inspected in the latest stage of the Government's drive for higher standards in schools (John O'Leary writes). Half were chosen because

they had the poorest results in GCSE and primary school tests, three were at the top of the league tables and three in the middle. Chris Woodhead. Chief Inspector of Schools, said the compulsory inspec-tions would begin in January. The poor performers are

lets, in London, Manchester,

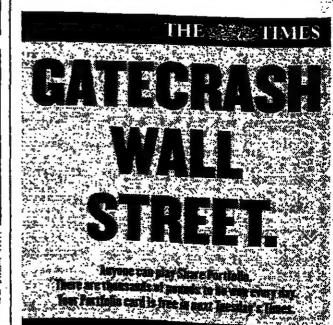
Southwark and Tower Ham-

Nottinghamshire. Kingstonupon-Thames, Bury and Surrey are the high-fliers chesen and Brent, Sunderland and Kent the middle-ranking authorities.

Announcing the details, Mr Woodhead said: The Govern ment's White Paper, Excellence in Schools, expects local education authorities to play their part in raising national school standards."

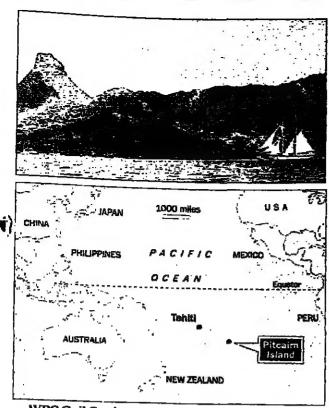
David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secre-tary, said: "If a local education authority does not meet the required standard, I will not hesitate to intervene."

CHANGING TIME





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WPC Gail Cox is not worried by the hardships she may face isolation, mosquitoes, humidity and lack of amenities. "It is the chance of a lifetime and I can't wait," she said

Kent policewoman sets sail on a modernising mission to Pitcairn

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent, and Peter Birkett

A POLICEWOMAN is swapping her squad car for the traffic-free Pacific island of Pitcairn. Gail Cox is not. however, being sent to combat a crime wave among the descendants of the Bounty: they have the world's lowest

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reported crime rate. Rather she will take modern policing to the ten-square-mile island. WPC Cox, from Kent police, has been chosen by the For-

PITCAIRN was discov-

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working with the 54 inhabitants of the island and their part-time constable. The job advertisement warned that the successful applicant would have to endure some hardship and "must be prepared to survive without the amenities taken for granted in less remote locations".

Pitcairn, 3,000 miles from the nearest landmass, has no port or airstrip.WPC Cox will have to wait for good weather

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ISLAND HOME FOR 54 PEOPLE

to climb down a rope ladder from a chartered yacht to a waiting bout and be ferried ashore. Once there, she will find islanders speaking an 18th-century form of English. The island suffers high humidity and is plagued by mosquitoes. There are no cars and she will have to rely on a four-wheeled motorcycle. WPC Cox, 36, who has

worked for 17 years for Kent police, normally patrols Maid-stone and West Malling equipped with a personal radio linked to her station and police headquarters. On Pit-cairn the only communication with the outside world is by satellite telephone.

She is not worried. "As far as I am concerned, it is the highlight of my career. It is the chance of a lifetime and I can't wait." If the attachment is a success, she could return next

The islanders are descended from the crew of HMS Bounty, who mutinied under Fletcher Christian against Captain William Bligh in 1789, and their Tahitian wives. They make a living from fishing and selling fruit or wooden curios to passing ships. Other of outward bound courses and



Captain Bligh of the Bounty is put into an open boat

income comes from postage stamp sales to philatelists. The chances of serious prob-lems are slight. WPC Cox's

brief is to promote community policing and provide some training to the British dependency's resident part-time constable. She will wear her Kent uniform with specially made Pitcairn badges

She said: "I don't know what to expect when I get out there. I don't know what the conditions are, although I have seen a video about the island. I was expecting mud huts but they are actually huts with a roof and there are shower facilities. I've done lots

have spent the night under the stars, so basic living condi-tions don't bother me."

She will be equipped with 40 rolls of film and 15 hours of videotape to record her stay. Her only luxury item will be a compact disc player.
WPC Cox, who is single and

has never travelled outside Europe, will leave Britain on October 2 for Auckland, New Zealand, to be briefed on her new duties by the Pitcairn Island Commissioner, Leon Salt. She will fly to Tahiti and then take a light aircraft to the island of Mangerava, where she will pick up the yacht for the final 300 miles

Once on the island, she will

be sworn in as a Pitcairn officer before beginning daily patrols of the cluster of small houses which make up the "capital", Adamstown. As well

truncheon, handcuffs, torch and first-aid kit. "I'm taking along all the kit I normally carry, with the exception of CS gas," she said. They have asked me to take my normal uniform, but I'm also taking shorts and Kent police have issued me with some special hot-weather polo

as her uniform, she will carry

The law on Pitcairn is basically the same as in Britain and is enshrined in a law book prepared by a New Zealand solicitor. "I have a copy and I have been reading up on it, but I've not yet encountered any real oddities. One of my tasks is to look at the laws of Pitcairn and see if

any require amendment."

WPC Cox, a fully trained advanced police driver who normally crews Kent's Maidstone and Malling division emergency car, and who has made between 300 and 400 arrests in her career, applied for the Pitcairn posting after seeing it advertised on the notice board at police station.

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Conscience preyed on road killer for 20 years

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A MAN whose conscience troubled him for 20 years walked into a police station to confess to killing a pedestrian in a hit-and-run accident, a court was told yesterday.

Alan Ralph, 46, a business-man, told police that the brakes on his car were faulty at the time. Carmarthen Crown Court was told that Helmut Henkel, 51, was killed when Ralph's car hit him near the village of Rosemarket, Dyfed, in 1978. A police hunt failed to find the driver.

Geraint Walters, for the defence, said: "The secret had a terrible effect on his life. He has suffered from psychiatric disorders and alcoholic syndrome because it was clear he could not live with his

Ralph, from Eastleigh. Hampshire, admitted causing Mr Henkel's death by reckless driving. He was put on probation for two years and disqualified from driving for 12

Return the Lindisfarne gospels, says bishop

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Bishop of Durham has said he would like to see the 7th-century Lindisfarme Gospels returned from London to the North East.

The Right Rev Michael Turnbull wants the gospels, taken from Durham Cathedral by Henry VIII during the Reformation, returned there. They are currently held at the British Musuem Bishop Turnbull said: "I

believe that works of art and of historical interest are best in their places of origin. "Durham Cathedral is where St Cuthbert is buried and there are many other sites in the North East to which the gospels are linked."

Earlier this year Fraser Kemp, Labour MP for Houghton and Washington East, wrote to Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, calling on him to back the campaign to return the manuscripts to the North. But Mark Fisher, the Arts Minister, has dis-

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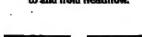


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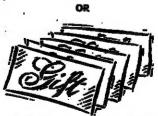
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Neo-Nazi jailed for hate-filled magazines

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE publisher of a "vile and evil" neo-Nazi magazine, which sparked race-hate campaigns against Frank Bruno's mother and Paddy Ashdown, was jailed for 21 months yesterday.

Mark Atkinson, 31, pleaded guilty at Southwark Crown Court to publishing two issues of Stormer for the far-right group Combat 18. His friend Robin Gray, 35, was convicted of possessing the magazines for distribution and remanded in custody pending sentence.

Sentencing Atkinson, Judge George Bathurst Norman said that in 37 years at the Bar he had "never encountered such vile outpourings of hatred and incitement to violence as revealed in these magazines". The maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment was insufficient and should be reconsidered by Parliament.

By giving the personal de-tails of the boxer's mother. Lynette, the magazine had directed attacks at "the mother of a man who has brought nothing but credit to this country", the judge said. During the case Mrs Bruno, 67, a lay preacher, described receiving a letter bearing a swastika which said "Go home and die". There were abusive telephone calls and a second letter which said: "Bang. It is that easy to blow your head off."

Mrs Bruno said she could not sleep and eventually moved. More than a year later she was still too scared to go home alone in the evening.

Stormer also published the

home details of Mr Ashdown the footballer Paul Ince, the newsreader Anna Ford and the actress Vanessa Redgrave. Addresses of synagogues and Jewish businesses were given in a list called "Jew Watch" and readers invited to take action against them. The judge said one synagogue was defaced and a window broken. which brought back memories of the conduct of the Nazis in Germany in the 1930s.

Mr Ashdown's house was firebombed outside his home in Somerset last year. The judge told Atkinson: "When a politician speaks out against



Atkinson: magazine gave address of public figures

racism in his local community you target him in one issue and then you celebrate the firebombing of his car in the next. You give his name and address and invite his murder with the words, 'He doesn't deserve to live."

Atkinson, a dustman, and Gray, who stood as a National Front by-election candidate. were arrested at their home in Feltham, west London, in May last year. Police found 500 copies of Stormer, which costs El.50, ready to be sent to subscribers. Another issue of the 12-page magazine was found on computer disk.

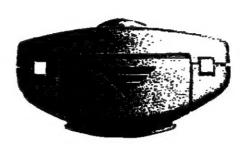
Sasha Wass, for the prosecution, held up in court an edition with a front-page picture of Adolf Hitler. Another edition congratulated Italian Fascists on their racist taunting of Paul Ince after his move to Inter Milan.

The Labour MP Harry Cohen condemned the 21-month said that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, should tell the courts to impose much tougher punishment. Mr Cohen, MP for Leyton

and Wanstead, said: "It seems to me that the courts are not taking vicious and dangerous racial abuse seriously enough This man was guilty, in effect, of threatening people, causing them great fear and terror. and was a menace to society. He created a blight in the lives the people he attacked. drove them out of their homes. A much more severe sentence should have been imposed."



James Ozigi with a picture of himself taken after he was attacked outside his home by a drunken gang







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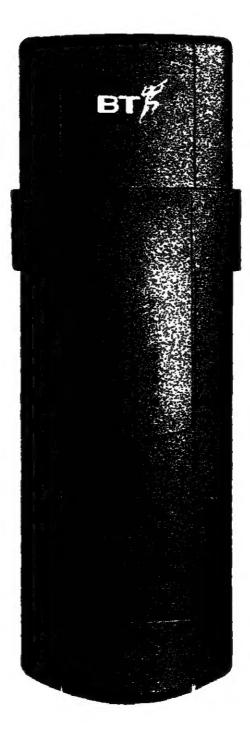
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Drunken gang beat preacher in race attack

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A MEMBER of a drunken gang who attacked and racial-ly abused a black preacher outside his home was jailed for 33 months at Inner London Crown Court yesterday.

members of the gang left James Ozigi, executive secretary of the Churches Commission for Racial Justice, so badly injured that it was feared he would lose a kidney and that his sight and hearing would be impaired. When a black neighbour. Douglas Brian, went to his aid he was stabbed in the head.

Sentencing Dobson, an electrical maintenance worker from Lambeth, South London, for violent affray, the Assistant Recorder, William Kennedy, told him that he had attacked Mr Ozigi, 44, for no reason other than his colour. The judge said that the courts would heavily punish those who committed racist attacks.

Outside the court, Mr Ozigi, who is also general secretary of the Council of African and Caribbean Churches in the United Kingdom, said he still suffered nightmares over the attack. He had passed out during the attack and when he came to, his ten-year-old son

was being hit after coming to his aid. "It was a terrifying. experience." He felt that Dobson should have been given a, longer sentence and questioned why the police had not Gary Dobson, 22, and other acted against alleged members of the gang named by Dobson during the trial.

Earlier, the court was told that Dobson, convicted last month after a four-day trial, was part of a group of menwho began an argument outside the Ozigis' home, in-August 1995, after leaving a pub in Bermondsey, southeast London. When Mr Ozigi's wife, Elizabeth, 41, a mother of four, went to investigate, she was abused, and Mr Ozigi went to defend her.

He was racially insulted and pulled into the street by five white men who punched and kicked him. He was streaming with blood, and when Mr Brian went to his aid he was beaten as well.

After the case Detective Constable Garry Harding said that reports on two of the men named by Dobson during the trial had been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service for a decision on action. A third man has fled abroad and a fifth man has been acquitted.

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Jews used terrorism too, says Mrs Rabin

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Leah Rabin made the admission, a difficult one for most Israelis, and accused Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, of doing "every-thing against" peace. She said Mr Netanyahu was trying to humiliate the President of the Palestinian Authority. "He |Arafat| feels very much under pressure, and justifiably. Our Government has tried to bring him to his knees," she said. Her stand is in line with the

thinking of Palestinian analysts and some left-wing Israelis, who argue that Mr Arafat can do little in the war against terror while Mr Netanyahu's policies continue to cause such ill feeling in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Mrs Rabin said, shortly before meeting Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State: I have doubt about how much [Palestinian] terrorism can be uprooted. We were also terrorists once and they didn't uproot us and we went on dealing in terrorist activi-ties. Despite all the efforts of the From Ross Dunn in jerusalem

rorism." Mrs Rabin was referring to the period after 1917 when Britain conquered what was then known as Palestine and ruled the area until the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948. During this turbulent era, and especially after the Second World War, the British fought Arab and Jewish militants alike.

A leading figure in the Jewish underground movement was Menachem Begin, later Prime Minister. In 1946, he got approval from his colleagues to blow up the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, which then housed part of the British administration. The blast killed 28 Britons, 41 Arabs, 17 Jews and five others. Mr Begin outraged families of other victims when he said he mourned only the Jews.

The episode proved decisive in convincing the British authorities to leave the area. Before pulling its troops out. Britain had tried to crack down on Jewish extremists through floggings and executions. The Jewish underground retaliated by kidnapping British soldiers and delivering the same punishments. Two British sergeants were hanged on July 29, 1947, by Jewish extremists and British floggings and executions stopped.

Mrs Rabin clearly believes that Israelis today need to learn from this period of history and adopt a different approach. She quoted a favourite phrase of her husband: "Yitzhak would say, "We will make peace as if there is no terrorism. We will fight terrorism as if we are not taking steps towards peace." That must be the approach." In November 1995, her husband

was shot dead by a Jewish extremist

opposed to the Government's deci-

sion to hand land to the Palestinians in exchange for peace. Yesterday, she accompanied Ms Albright on a visit to his grave in Jerusalem.

| Friend's plea: Margalit Har Shefi, 21, a friend of Rabin's assassin, said yesterday that her statements to the police should be rejected because she had been deprived of sleep and barred from consulting a lawyer. She has pleaded not guilty to charges that she failed to report Yigal Amir's plan to kill the Prime Minister. Her trial. which began in March, resumed yesterday in Tel Aviv. (AP)



Leah Rabin, left, and Madeleine Albright after the US Secretary of State laid a wreath yesterday at the grave of Yitzhak Rabin

Albright lectures Palestinians and Israel on peace

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN RAMALLAH

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT set foot for the first time in the Israeli-blockaded West Bank yesterday and admonished a sullen-looking Yassir Arafat for his failure to root out the terrorists who have killed 20 Israelis in five weeks.

Attempting later to balance her criticism, the US Secretary of State urged Israel to take a "time-out" from settlement activity and other unilateral actions that have angered Palestinians, "Israel should refrain from unilateral acts. including what Palestinians perceive as the provocative expansion of settlements, land confiscation, home demolitions, and confiscation of IDs." she said in a speech to Israeli high-school students.

Ms Albright told the Pales-tinian leader that his latest pledge to fight terrorism "100 per cent" would be monitored by the United States to see if it was carried out "over a

sustained period". Mr Arafat, dressed in his trademark military fatigues and facing 250 journalists, had his carpeting whispered into his ear by a translator. "The truth is terror threatens the pursuit of peace, terror threatens the Palestinian Authority, and terror threatens the hopes of the Palestinian people." Ms Albright said.

To be effective, the Palestinian Authority fight must be comprehensive and relentless and sustained. It cannot be pursued only when it is convenient to do so. As Chairman Arafat knows, fighting terror is a 24-hour-a-day job." Since the triple suicide at-

tack in a Jerusalem street last week, Palestinian police have rounded up more than 100 suspected Islamic militants, Rut Israeli officials have dismissed the effort as windowdressing designed to appease Ms Albright.

Paris: Hubert Vedrine, the French Foreign Minister, launched a blistering attack on what he called Israel's "catastrophic" policies (Ben Macintyre writes). The peace process was broken, and the Israeli Government's attitude was undermining the credi-bility of Mr Arafat, he said.

Chinese 'capitalism' will embrace share deals in state firms

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELIING

Chinese Communist Party, which opens in Beijing today, will be largely unscripted, given that party chiefs have apparently failed to reach a consensus on crucial leader-

ship changes, diplomats say.
"China has no gods now,"
Wang Shan, author of a book
on China's political future, told foreign correspondents this week. Mao was a god, Deng Xiaoping was a god, but now there are none." This means, in essence, that President Jiang Zemin, 71, does not exercise the kind of authority his predecessors did as he enters a crucial week, during which he will outline to 2.048! course for the next five years.

Envoys say the biggest issue, and one requiring some fancy ideological and economic footwork, will be an innovative privatisation scheme for the reforming of failing state-owned enterprises without causing vast unemployment — one of the concerns most troubling to

China's 1.2 billion people. The party conclave, which is held every five years, will aim to continue China's freemarket economic reforms. what Deng called "socialism with Chinese characteristics".

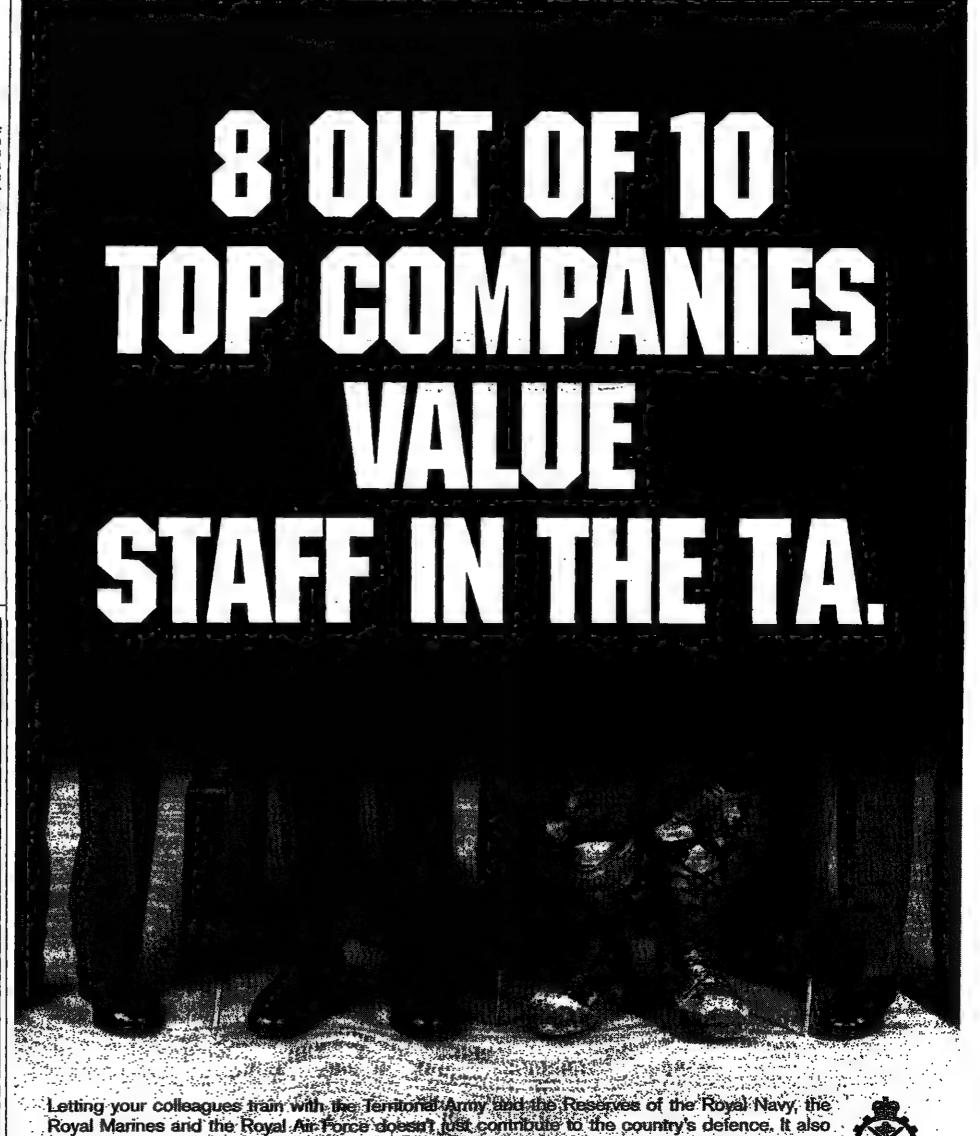
economic restructuring - in effect, another step towards capitalism. Selling shares in reformed enterprises to the public is apparently the principal means of achieving this, though care will be taken not to call it privatisation. Xu Guangchun, the congress spokesman, said last night that the key was who controls the majority of shares, indi-cating the State will continue to have that power.

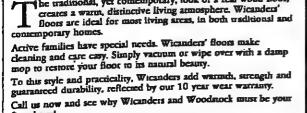
A recent flurry of outspoken calls for political reform - notcountries, Mr. Xu indicated. "I would like to make this point here, that we do not copy

corruption. It was announced this week that Chen Xitong, 2 former high-ranking Commu-nist leader and a former Mayor of Beijing, had been expelled from the party and may face trial over corruption. Some doubt whether he will ever appear in court, however, because — as one Western envoy said — "he knows too much about the rest of the leadership".

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from dissidents but economists and political scientists inside the party — will not result in anything like the Western democracy.' Another key issue will be





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Officers rebuked for sex scandals at US Army base

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE American Army, beset with sex scandals, responded yesterday by extending basic training to teach recruits ethics and values.

It also sent letters of reprimand, in effect ending their careers, to a major-general and half a dozen senior officers at the training base at Aberdeen, north of Washington, where 12 drill sergeants were charged with sex crimes against young women soldiers. The Aberdeen scandal led to the Army setting up a sexual harassment hotline that logged more than 8.000 calls from around the world and led to 341 criminal investigations, of which 47 are still pending.

The episodes showed that integration of men and women, particularly at the training level, was not working. At the same time, the air force had its problems with adultery, as highlighted by the case of Kelly Flinn, the first female B52 pilot, who was forced to resign. The Navy, too, has struggled with sexual problems, beginning with the Tailhook affair which arose from a convention of fighter pilots where women were assaulted.

An army panel reported yesterday on its ten-month study. It found that the service had failed to screen male drill sergeants adequately and that not enough research had been

determine whether they had criminal records or other problems that might have signalled trouble

President Clinton's Army Secretary, Togo West, decided not to segregate men from women, who make up a fifth of recruits, during training, but will add a ninth week for the annual intake of 70,000 recruits who undergo "boot camp", the first big change since the Vietnam War. Throughout the training, extra classes will be given on army values and on mutual

respect.
The army will ask Congress to create a position for a senior general to oversee training camps and will add 100 lieutenants to remove the burden of administration from drill sergeants. Additional chap-



Flinn: forced to resign

lains will be sent to the training camps so that recruits can turn to someone outside the chain of command for help and guidance.

Major-General Robert Shadley, the most senior officer reprimanded, plans to contest his punishment as unfair, a Pentagon official said. He had been praised earlier for his quick response to complaints of rape. Now he was being "hung out to dry" by the army for its widespread neglect, Susan Barnes, an advocate for women's rights in

the military, said. Some army officials had argued that he should be exonerated on the ground that he was too senior to have known about sexual goings-on under his command. Members of Congress said that the top brass had to be made more

Of the 12 drill sergeants at Aberdeen, one was convicted of rape and sentenced to 25 years in prison, four were found guilty of other sexual misconduct, four agreed to be discharged, one was cleared and two cases are pending. Courts-martial were told that the sergeants shared lists of their sexual conquests.

A captain who represented two of the drill sergeants said that proof of a corrupted command structure would have helped all the defendants and could be a ground for appeal



A 3.000-year-old Olmec carving, thought to be the oldest representation of the human heart. The 7in figure formed part of an exhibit in The Art Museum at Princeton University when Gordon Bendersky, a cardiologist, realised that what he was looking at was an anatomi-

Doctor shows heart of stone

cally correct image of the heart. The artefact is thought to have come from Las Bocas in southern Mexi-

vessel includes a pulmonary artery, an aorta and a superior vena cava. It was carved 2,500 years before Andreas Vesailus, the so-called father of anatomy, published the earliest accurate images of

Mayans and Aziecs. The

WORLD IN BRIEF

Tajik bases used to bomb Taleban

Karachi: The Taleban Islamic militia yesterday accused neighbouring Tajikistan of helping rival forces as the battle for control of the northern Afghan city of Mazar - Sharif intensified (Zahid Hussain writes). The opposition jets which allegedly flew from Kulab airbase in Tajikistan bombed the Tajikistan forces 12 miles away from the battered city.

Taleban fighters who launched an offensive on Tuesday in an attempt to capture the northern opposition capital were locked in a fierce battle on the city outskirts. It is the closest the militia has moved towards the city since May when it was driven away. One report said the battle was raging around the airport, which was briefly captured by the Taleban forces on Tuesday. The fall of Mazar-i-Sharif would deal a devastating blow to the opposition alliance.

Kenyans approve reforms

Nairobi: Kenya's partiament yesterday formally adopted constitutional reforms intended to avoid bloodshed before elections expected to take place later this year. The changes provide for the repeal of laws that allow detention without trial, and approve the expansion of the electoral commission to bring in members nominated by the opposition. They also provide for equal access to state media by the opposition and

President Moi's ruling Kenya African National Union. We saw that our country was headed for chaos and we decided to take this bold step, talk to each other, agree on changes before elections," said Jillo Falana, one of four convenors of the group which drafted the reforms. (Reuter)

Storm saves Machu Picchu

Peruvian archeologists yesterday began investigating the damage caused to the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu after a fire which has destroyed 600 hectares of forest on the mountains around the ancient citadel (Gabriella Gamini writes). They were able to start assessing the extent of damage after an unexpected rainstorm helped firefighters put out the flames which had spread from mountain to mountain around the ruins over four days. The storm, the first rain in six months, drenched the site. Local people believe the spirits of their Inca ancestors extinguished the fire.

US aircraft to 'jam' Serbs

Washington: The Pentagon is sending three EC!30 aircraft to Bosnia to jam hardline Serb radio and television broadcasts: at the start of the republic's municipal elections this weekend (Tom Rhodes writes). The planes can override ground broadcasts while channelling separate transmissions in their place. For a month, Serbian supporters of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader and indicted war criminal, have used the airwaves to challenge the Dayton peace accord.

Krenz set free for appeal

Berlin: Egon Krenz, 60. East Germany's last hardline communist leader, walked free from Moabit prison here pending an appeal against his conviction last month on four manslaughter charges. He was jailed for 612 years after his 18-month trial. His victims were refugees killed as they tried to flee to the West over the Berlin Wall. Krenz was greeted at the jail gate with a kiss from his son Karsten. (Reuters)

Yacht cup attacker jailed

Auckland: Benjamin Peri Nathan, 28, a New Zealand Maori student who almost destroyed the 150-year-old America's Cup yachting trophy in Auckland with a sledgehammer, was jailed for 34 months in addition to an 18-month term he is already serving for aggravated robbery. The cup has since been repaired by London silversmiths. (Reuters)

Updike weighs whether to pull plug on Web heroine

FROM TUNKU YARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE novelist John Updike, the face of American middle-class angst, will write the last instalment today for his "cybertale", a relay short story which began with a paragraph by him in July, and whose stylish baton has been taken forward each day by a host of eager literary runners.

The story, Murder Makes the Magazine, began on July 29, with a paragraph as polished as a guardsman's boots and about as rich as

Christmas pudding. It was vignette of vintage Updike, raising hopes of a riveting tale that would grace the Internet for weeks to come. The first sentences carried a soupçon of foreboding:

"Miss Tasso Polk at ten-ten alighted from the elevator on to the olive tiles of the nineteenth floor only lightly nagged by a sense of something wrong. There had been someone strange in the elevator. She had felt it all the way up."

The story since then, alas, has not. The promoters of the -tale,

down, as writers of uneven gift turned their hand to Updike's tale. Of course, the offerings have not always been bad: some have had panache: others have been ciever.

Too often, they have been cleverclever, as writers strove to match the master at his game. The author, though, expresses no complaints. "It's a larky thing to do." he said. He is intrigued, too, that after 45 days in the hands of total strangers, Miss Tasso Polk is still alive.

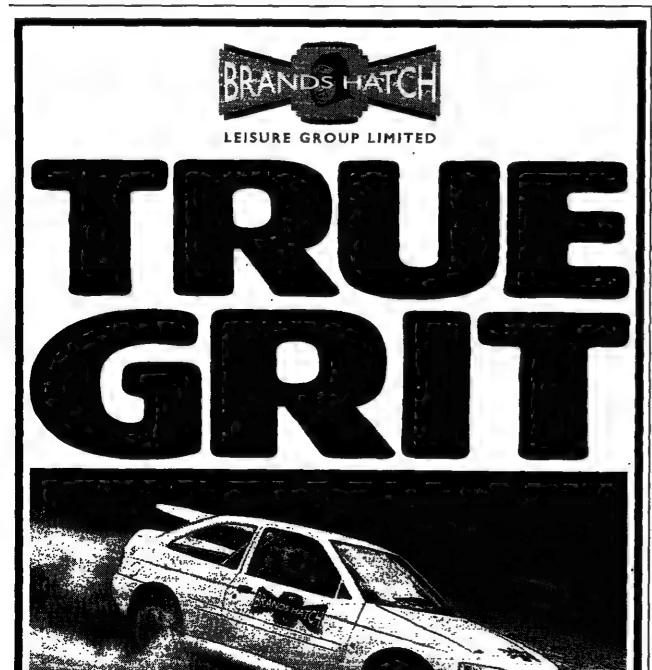
always gone up. It has often gone amazon.com, the world's largest

online booksellers, have been inundated with offerings, sometimes receiving more than 1,000 in the space of 24 hours. The chosen author of the day has received \$1,000 (£630). a princely sum for no more than 200 words, and a rate that should make most journalists green with envy. Updike himself received \$5,000 for

his efforts, which included submitting three different "first paragraphs"; amazon.com, he says, chose most "melodramatic" one, "dredged from my files". It was the opening to a mystery novel begun 30

years ago and abandoned as being "too slight". The New York Times. cementing its reputation as a sniffy killjoy. has questioned why "Mr Updike is involved in such an overtly commercial enterorise".

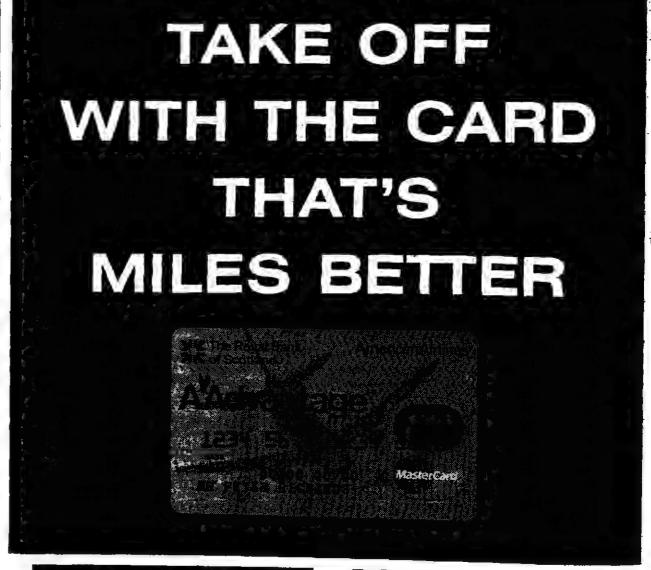
Kay Dangaard, a spokeswoman for amazon.com, said yesterday that she had pleaded with Updike "not to kill off Miss Tasso Polk". Ms Dangaard said: "We now get letters addressed to her and callers think that I am Miss Polk." Updike has made her no promises: Miss Tasso Polk may be dead by tomorrow.



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Nun's lavish funeral stirs Calcutta debate

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

MOTHER TERESA's body will be taken for burial tomorrow on the same gun carriage that carried the remains of Mahatma Gandhi, father of independent India, and Jawaharlal Nehru, its first Prime Minister. More than 500 soldiers will escort the vehicle, to be pulled by a field military tractor, and there will be volleys of rifle fire

over the coffin, Questions are being asked about whether Mother Teresa, 87, would be appalled by such military pomp. Her death has raised other sensitive questions: will donations to the Missionaries of Charity plummet without her money-raising international prestige?

Is it right to bury the Roman

Catholic nun at Mother House, her home, where the public will have almost no access to the grave? Should the Government spend so lavishly on the funeral of a woman who lived by a vow of poverty?

Queues outside St Thomas's Church, Calcutta, where she is lying in state in a glass casket. grew to more than a mile yester-

day as the clamour to get a last

glimpse increased. The army,

funeral — initially opposed post-poning the burial, which had been planned for Wednesday, five days after her death. The Sisters, however, demanded a delay on the ground that more time was needed for national and international dignitaries to reach Calcutta. Most Indians are surprised by the length of time between Mother

which formally assumed responsi-bility for the body yesterday — customary practice before a state

Teresa's death and her interment. It is customary for Hindus to be cremated quickly, and Muslims are generally buried within 24 hours. Christians in India do not

normally display their dead. Her grave will be in a room previously used for common prayers. She had wanted, and expected, to be interred at another St Thomas's - in north Calcutta because of its custom of holding prayers round-the-clock every day of the year, Many church officials are upset at the change of plans. Some of the nuns have complained privately, too, that the money being spent on the funeral

could build several orphanages.

ry as an efficient country.

There's a lot of fierce competi-

tion out there which could

The protest movement against Mr Ramos is gather-

unbalance us."

Manila 'faces civil war under Ramos'

ONCE the model of a modern Asian leader, President Ramos of the Philippines is now being vilified across the political and religious spectrum.

He is accused of seeking to extend his term of office beyond next June in an cerie rerun of the corrupt era of Ferdinand Marcos, whom he helped overthrow. The situation has led the country's Roman Catholic leader, Cardinal Jaime Sin, to give a warning that "there will be another Cambodia" with civil war, murders and executions.

The cardinal's bloody forecast followed a statement by President Ramos that he would submit to the will of the people if they decided to change the constitution because the country was in danger. His implication was plain: he was prepared to

serve a second term. The Philippines now faces its greatest crisis since the overthrow of Marcos by "people power" in 1986 after years of violence, corruption and circumvention of previous



constitutions. The candidates for the 1998 election must be

registered by November. Mr Ramos says he is not behind the movement to alter the constitution to permit term extentions, but he is being so elusive about his intentions that the uncertainty caused another fall on the Philippine stock exchange yesterday.

"Why am I being demonised. Why am I a hate figure, sometimes even among small children?", he mused in

Fidel Ramos, left, is enraging opponents

Sisters and novices from the Missionaries of Charity rehearse hymns yesterday in Calcutta's Netaji Indoor Stadium for Mother Teresa's funeral tomorrow

with hints that he will find a way to

stay as President, Jonathan Mirsky

reports from Manila an interview with The Times.

One Manila newspaper columnist believed the answer to be: "We put our President up on a pedestal and venerate him and then discover he's just a goddamned cheap liar ... he prefers the sneaky deceitful procedures of rats

and cockroaches." With so little time remaining, President Ramos's genius for evasion and ambiguous assurance has provoked rage among his enemies — of

whom the greatest is Cardinal Sin. Scated in his palace yesterday, the Cardinal said: My opposition to President Ramos is not political. It is my duty as Archbishop of Manila to guide the people so they will do their duties as citizens."

He said he had always opposed the selection of Mr Ramos for the presidency by his predecessor, Corazon Aquino. "I think she repents this now ... I believe he [Ramos] knew the identity of the assassin of her husband."

Benigno Aquino was Marcos's most dangerous opponent, whose still unsolved murder in 1983 led to the overthrow of the former President and the election of Mrs Aquino. "That murder was never properly investigated," added the Cardinal.

The man whom Mr Ramos fears is his Vice-President, Joseph "Erap" Estrada, the John Wayne of the Philippines, who for 40 years has starred in moralistic shootouts with dozens of gangsters and rapists. In a badly educated

population which reads and views little news but loves good-guy action films, Mr Estrada is a wildly popular man, who is favoured by most observers here to sweep to office if Mr Ramos stands down. In the 1992 election which brought him and Mr Ramos to power, Mr Estrada

received two million votes

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more than the President. Speaking to The Times, Mr Ramos said: "I'm not in favour of term extensions" - and within seconds was spelling out a new kind of people power, strictly constitutional, which permits referendums. pleblacites, petitions and constituent assemblies which could "petition for changes in

the constitution". He added: "It's not my personal future which is of moment but the national interest and the future of the Philippine people.

This modesty was overshadowed by a vision of political disorder. "We have to pick a leader who will bring the Philippines into the 21st centu-

ing pace: every day in Manila at opm, church bells ring and car horns blare in what is called the anti-Ramos "chacha-cha". On September 21, the Cardinal and Mrs Aquino - who says that some of her supporters told her when she was President to seek a second term because she was "indispensable" — will address a crowd they hope will number hundreds of thousands. They are attempting to create an atmosphere reminiscent of the one that brought down Mar-

> tion between the people and the army. in the artful way which maddens his critics, Mr Ramos says that he extends "mega-tolerance" demonstration, that he wanted it to happen, and that "I have instructed the police to

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Cardinal Jaime Sin: fears bloodshed and "another Cambodia" in the Philippines



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Russia swears to clean up language

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S parliament is planning to reintroduce Soviet-era legislation to ban swearwords from being spoken or published, in an effort to clean up the Russian language.

In a move encouraged by President Yeltsin, and welcomed by many Russians who have seen their cherished tongue battered by obscenities and invaded by foreign words, the parliamentary culture committee has decided to fight back 'with what amounts to censorship.

"We have a situation in Russia today where there is a completely uncontrolled use of language in the streets, in the media and in books, and it is time we did something about it," said Vladimir Sementsov, who is helping to draft the new

Under Communist rule, swear-words and pornography were outlawed by the infamous Article 209 of the Soviet Criminal Code, which regarded any profanity as "hooli-ganism", an offence punishable by a sentence in a labour camp. However, since the era of glasnost and the collapse of communism, mat, the Russian term for the nation's rich vocabulary of expletives, has become commonplace in newspapers, on television and in

the street.

Although it is unlikely that
Soviet-era punishments will be
reintroduced, it is expected that
swearing in public or writing
obscene words could lead to crimi-

nal prosecutions and fines.

Anatoli Baranov, an expert on expletives at the Institute of the Russian Language, said that while the reaction against swearing was understandable, the censors would have a difficult time controlling what people wrote, read and said,

Some of Russia's greatest writers, such as Aleksandr Pushkin, used swearwords in their texts and today writers such as Eduard Limonov have made obscene language the hallmark of their writing

style.

Mr Yeltsin has taken a personal interest in the protection of the Russian language, and last year assembled a council of experts to investigate ways of protecting the mother tongue from profanity and from the invasion of foreign words, particularly English. Earlier this year, he announced that he was considering banning the use of

foreign words in advertisements and declared that he was prepared to "fight to save our mother tongue".

Aleksandr Korzhakov, the disgraced former presidential bodyguard, revealed in a book published last month that the issue is close to the President's heart. In his account of life in the Kremlin, Mr Korzhakov said that Gennadi Burbulis, once one of Mr Yeltsin's closest aides, was sacked after drinking too much and making a rude toast at a dinner in the presence of Mr Yeltsin's wife and daughter. He claimed that Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, could not compose a sentence without using obscene words.

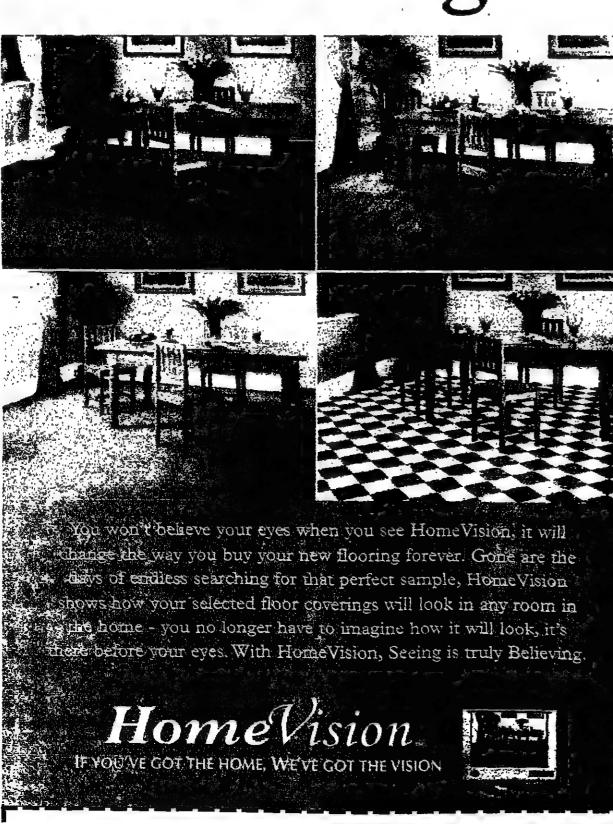
Eradicating obscenities from the Russian language could be a difficult task, since many Russians are proud of their colourful and imaginative curses, such as: Yazdes boltayus, kak govno v propyubi (I have been hanging around here like a turd in a tishing hole); or Eyo ebut kolkhozom (She has had the whole collective farm). Avoiding them is difficult unless you avoid military service, public transport and drinking vodka.



President Chirac hailed Stephane Grappelli, 89, as "the greatest jazz violinist in the world" yesterday as he made him a Commander of the Legion of Honour. Charles Aznavour, the French crooner, and Nana Mouskouri, the Greek singer, were also honoured

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Moscow's Sinatra tunes in to politics

By RICHARD BEESTO

IOSIF KOBZON, the Russian Frank Sinatra, famed for his singing voice and notorious for his alleged links to the matia, retired from the stage last night when he gave his final performance in Moscow on his 60th birthday.

After a career spanning 40 years and 3,000 songs, the Communist-era crooner, still beloved across the former Soviet Union, said farewell to adoring fans at the Rossiya Hotel after deciding to embark on a new life in politics.

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"It was a difficult decision.
but I wanted to stop singing
while there was still life in
me," he said. "I can do more
for this country when I am in a
position of power."

He has set his sights on the Duma, the lower house of parliament, and his first attempt at gaining office will come this weekend, at a byelection in the Siberian constituency of Aginsky-Buryat. Kobzon says he wants to run for parliament to defend citizens and to raise the level of the nation's spiritual life. Critics, however, suspect the move may have more to do with the benefits that come with a parliamentary seat, not least immunity from prosecution.

Sicily to have bridge link with mainland

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME AND FRANCESCO BONGARRA IN PALERMI

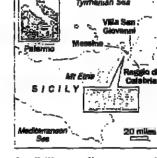
THE Italian Government is to approve the building of a gigantic £3 billion single-span suspension bridge linking Sicily to the Italian mainland, officials said yesterday.

"The Government of Romano Prodi is really behind this project, and it seems it has approved it," said Nino Calarco, head of the state-run Stretto di Messina authority. Aurelio Misiti, a senior official at the Ministry of Public Works in Rome, said the bridge would be operational by the autumn of 2006.

La Repubblica reported that the bridge design had passed all technical tests, and work was expected to begin in 18 months. The bridge will be more than two miles long and 195ft wide, supported by 1,200ft-high towers at either end. It will carry road and rail traffic, with planners anticipating 200 trains a day and a two-way flow of 9,000 vehicles

an hour on a 12-lane carriageway.

The Romans first conceived the idea of linking the mainland and Sicily to safeguard the island in their struggle with Carthage. In the 19th century, the idea was revived by Garibaidi, the Italian patriof his campaign for the unification of Italy. But modern



feasibility studies were only undertaken in the 1970s, and Sicilians use "a bridge across the straits" as a figure of speech for an unattainable

Environmental campaign-

ers have argued that the volcanic rock on both sides of the Straits of Messina is unsuitable for such a huge project. Lega Ambiente, the leading environmental group, said the area was notorious for earthquakes and tidal waves. It is the setting in Homer's Odyssey of the twin hazards of Scylla and Charybdis — thought to refer to whiripools and jagged rocks. In 1908 Messina was levelled by an earthquake which killed \$4,000 people and made the shoreline sink by 18ins overnight.

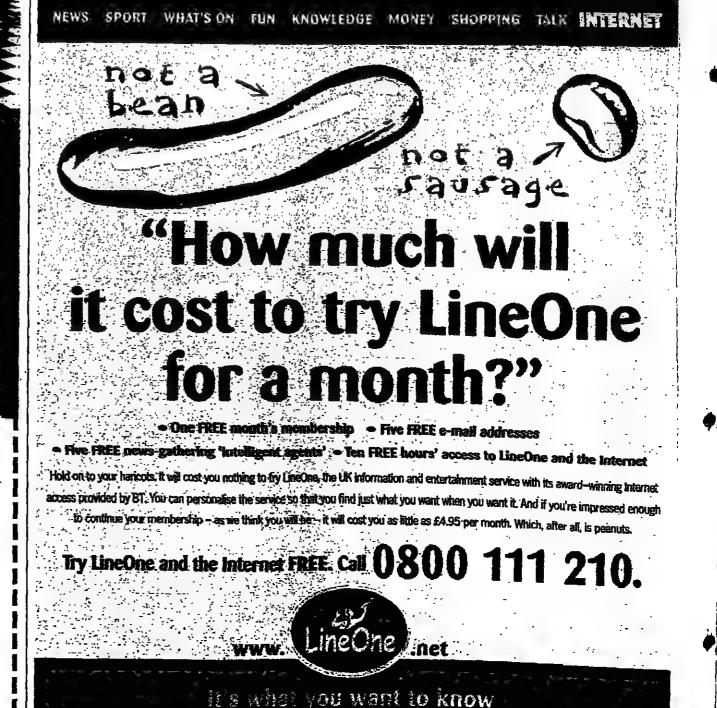
But Signor Misiti said the

perts from Europe, Japan and America, had taken local conditions into account and the bridge would be built to withstand winds of more than 125mph, earthquakes of up to 7.1 on the Richter scale and

even nuclear explosions.

A final decision will be taken by the Italian Cabinet on October 10. The Government is cutting public spending to trim the budget deficit and to meet the criteria for the European single currency. But Signor Calarco said road tolls would recoup much of the cost, and the Italian authorities hoped to obtain European funding for the project, as linking Sicily to the maintand was "of European significance".

Next month, Signor Misit will outline the project to the USA-Italy Foundation in Washington in a bid to obtain backing from Italian-American "banks, insurance com panies and pension funds", a move which has led some Sicilians to joke bridge will be "paid for by the Mafia". At present, goods and passengers have to cross the straits by ferries run by Italian state railways. But the ferries operate at a loss, and there are reports that private companies may take over the route as early as next year.



Yeltsin orders inquiry into Mir failures

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday demanded a full inquiry into the series of accidents and malfunctions aboard the Mir space station over the past three months, which began in June when an unmanned cargo craft punched a hole in one of the complex's modules.

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The inquiry, due to be completed by the end of the month, is aimed at clearing the air after accusations and recriminations among Rus-

sian space agency officials.

The crew on Mir at the time of the collision. Flight Commander Vasili Tsibliyev and Flight Engineer Aleksandr Lazutkin, face fines for culpa-bility amounting to a third of

their pay during the mission. The crash happened as Commander Tsibliyev was at-tempting to dock the cargo craft manually with the station during a practice man-ocuvre. Mr Lazutkin is additionally being held re-sponsible for unplugging the station's main computer in July, leaving the complex virtually without power and spinning out of control through space for about 24 hours.

Other officials, including Boris Ostroumov, deputy director of the Russian space agency, said the two men should be treated as heroes and receive awards for their achievement in overcoming

(£6,300) of both men's pay had been withheld pending an official investigation into their mission. Viktor Blagov, deputy chief of the mission control centre at Korolyov, north of Moscow, said the men had received 70 per cent of their pay, but that there was no firm decision yet about whether they would be fined.

Mr Yeltsin's remarks, made during a meeting with Aleksandr Serebrov, a prominent former cosmonaut and member of the President's Defence Council, appeared to point the way towards both cosmonauts being exonerated.

Mr Serebrov said afterwards that a considerable share of the blame for the situation aboard Mir could be

found on Earth.
Since the collision, the Spektr research module has remained sealed off from the rest of the complex. A spacewalk last weekend by Michael Foale, the Britishborn Nasa astronaut, and Anatoli Solovyov, the replacement flight commander, failed to locate the hole in the

As well as the collision and the computer crash, the Mir crew has had to endure other setbacks including failures of the oxygen generating system. stabilisation system and a the disasters.

Russian newspaper reports said that about \$10,000 problems.

shortage of power. Commander Tsibliyev also suffered heart problems.

Second Nasa probe homes in on Mars

Washington: A Nasa space-craft was closing in on Mars early today to map the plan-et's surface and find landing sites for future missions, including a manned expedition (Ian Brodie writes).

The Mars Global Surveyor was due to enter an elliptical orbit at 2.3 am after a journey of ten months and 435 million miles. A roving vehicle was landed on Mars in July.

The Surveyor will not begin mapping the Martian surface

to an ideal viewing orbit 235 miles above the planet. It is expected to provide the most detailed topographic maps of the Red Planet ever seen.

The launch of Nasa's first Moon mission in 25 years has been pushed back from Sep-tember 24 to November 23 because officials need more time to prepare the rocket that will carry the lunar probe. Nasa said. The Lunar Prospector mission will mark Nasa's first foray to the Moon





George Bizos, the lawyer represent-ing Steve Biko's family at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing in Port Elizabeth yesterday, cross examines the leader of the police unit that tortured the black activist to death (Inigo Gilmore writes), Colonel Harold Snyman, 69,

was ridiculed by a mocking public

Policeman's testimony ridiculed

gallery as repeated inconsistencies destroyed his version of the events of

The colonel, who led Biko's interrogation, agreed with Mr Bizos that a white man, especially a police officer. He also said that Biko, a leading member of the Black People's Convention, had become "too big for his boots", but denied playing

which will decide if Colonel Snyman and four former colleagues are granted amnesty — at times could not restrain its laughter. The colonel repeatedly said that Biko had attacked five policemen in a small room and accidentally hit the wall

Winnie witness can give evidence

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN CAPE YOUN

AN ARREST warrant for a man who claims to link President Mandela's former wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela to at least two murders is being lifted so that he can return to South Africa for a public hearing, officials said yesterday.

The decision appears to remove the last bar to the return of Katiza Cebekhulu, who disappeared on the eve of a 1991 trial at which he was to have been a co-defendant with Mrs Mandela. He turned up in London and claims he was abducted to keep him from giving evidence.

Katiza's Journey, published this week by Fred Bridgland, says Mrs Mandela ordered the killing of Dr Abu Asvat in 1989 - she denies the accusation - to cover up her role in the beating of four young men in 1988. One of them, Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, was found dead later and Mrs Mandela was convicted in 1991 of kidnapping and being an accessory to assault.



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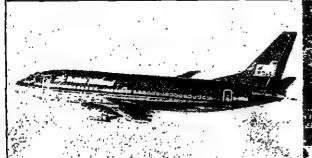
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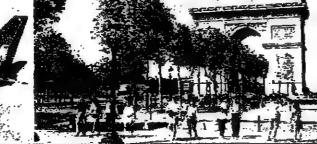
The mini is back — in red and black - just in time for winter. Grace Bradberry picks three of the best





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A whiff of Bad Attitude

THERE IS no such thing as a too-short skirt. There is no such thing as a too-short skirt. It is important for me to believe this, since I have just spent a tidy sum on a very. very short skirt indeed (well. actually, two very short skirts - but they are so extremely small that strictly speaking. they count only as one skirt. Or so I keep telling myself). In any event, having bought them, I have begun to experience Doubts.

It was the glossy magazines that made me do it. At the very fag-end of summer, just when the charm of those flower prints and ruffles that seemed so fresh and pretty at the season's start had definitely begun to fade, along came Vogue and the rest of the glossies, full of images of these short, sharp, rather brutal little skirts - the very antithesis of drifty prettiness. A new look — and of course I wanted it. Out for a walk one sunny day, I wandered into a shop, and there it was, 18 inches of dark-grey, box-pleat-ed cavalry twill.

STANDING IN front of the mirror, I thought it looked all right. There appeared to be no sign of Kneecap Drop or Ankle Bloat, or any of the other afflictions that might condemn one to a winter of trouser suits and full-length weed drapery. A certain leap sary, it is true, but with the ddition of some spike heels and a cashmere twinset, some opaque tights, lipstick and my hair properly brushed, I thought I could probably get away with it. You had better have it in black, too, said the salesgirL i am sure you are

right, I said, obediently. What I have always loved about minis is their powerful whiff of Bad Attitude. I missed the moment of their greatest impact, first time around, but when I arrived at secondary school in the Seventies they were still regarded by the authorities with loathing and dread, and the biology master, armed with a tape measure, used to roam the corridors, making random spot checks on our skirt lengths (no shorter than two inches above the knee when

kneeling upright).
The other great thing about minis is that men are keen on



eyebrows to his hairline and

says, in the silly falsetto voice them. With quite a lot of high he reserves for these occafashion (grunge, a look I loved, is a good example), lengthy and tedious explanasions, Are you going to put your frock on before you go out, darling? With minis, on tions are necessary before they get the point. You get all the other hand, no explanadressed up in your exquisite tion is required. Merely a vintage satin slip dress with the real lace border, and the stout pair of black gym knickers and an expression that says, "Oh, I'd love to, but velvet-trimmed cardigan from Voyage that cost you would unfortunately I am just on my way to see Reverend Mother". rather not say what, and the chap in your life raises his So why, with all this in their

favour, am I not quite sure

short skirts have never really gone away (despite the periodic announcements of their demise from the Paris catwalks), the new look is shockingly shorter than anything that has been around recently. It alters the proportions of the body, lengthening the legs and truncating the torso — and last year's cardi-gan looks all wrong with it. One way around the probletti of proportion is to forget separates, and choose, instead, one of the many simple and desirable dresses around this season - just as sexy, and much easier to wear. As for me. I can see that the only solution lies in another little expedition to the shops.

a start, although it is true that



If you're royal, you can't be a cry-baby

he funeral last Satur-day of Diana, Prin-cess of Wales, held particular poignancy for Countess Mountbatten of Burma. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are among her oldest and closest friends, and the Prince of Wales is her godson, Prince William William and Prince Harry have played often with her own grandchildren. There can have been few mourners in the abbey more aware of their

But for Lady Mountbatten there was an additional grief. it was in Westminster Abbey that her father. Earl Mountbatten, was given a ceremoni-al funeral in 1979, after his fishing boat was blown up by an IRA bomb. Her 14-year-old twin son Nicky was also killed in the blast as was her mother-in-law and a 15-yearold Irish boy. Paul Maxwell, who had been acting as crew. Lady Mountbatten, her husband and Nicky's twin, Timothy, who were also on the boat. were seriously injured.

Her injuries were so severe that for several days doctors thought she too would die. Neither she, nor her husband, was able to attend the funerals of her father, his mother or their son.

They did produce a television in the hospital, and I was just able to catch a glimpse of my father's coffin. covered in the Union Jack," she says. "That was all I saw. Going to the Princess of Wales's funeral, and sitting more or less where my family had sat, I felt I could imagine how it must have been then.

"The date last Saturday, September 6, was also the same date that Nicky was buried. The Londonderry Air they played reminded me vividly of the memorial service we had for my father, my mother-in-law and Nicky, and that brought back tremendously emotional memories.

That did make me cry.' She has learnt from brutal experience that when someone you love dies, the worst thing you can do is bottle up your had a stillborn baby, Anthony, in 1952 — a time when mothers were briskly told to forget all about it and have another as soon as possible — and also shared the anguish of her eldest son, Lord Romsey, and his wife when they lost their five-year-old daughter, Leo-nora, from cancer in 1991.

After Nicky's death she cried every day for six months and says the best advice she was given was from Lady Fisher of Lambeth, widow of the former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Fisher, who wrote to her saying: "Will you take some advice from a very old lady? Respect your tears."

She has since made it something of a mission to do all she can to help others whose loved ones die, and next month will speak of her own experiences at a conference held by the

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Child Bereavement Trust. Its aim is to help doctors, nurses and teachers to deal with the bereaved, in particular child-ren coping with the loss of a mother, father or sibling.

"Of course I have no professional training." she points out humbly. "but I do believe experience teaches one a great deal and by far the most important thing is to let the feelings out. Children of course are very good at concealing their feelings, and may also think they want to protect their parents from any more suffering. There is also the temptation for parents to feel they should protect their children from grief. But it is terribly important that they be allowed to grieve and to mourn. If the feelings are blocked they will come out and hit you much

harder in later life." We are both uncomfortably aware that she, as a dear friend of the Royal Family, has in recent days been closely involved in a bereavement that has caused the entire nation to

Her discretion is ingrained. However, she has been deeply upset by criticism of the Queen and Prince Charles, and the growing public fear that his

The funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. brought back poignant memories for Lady Mountbatten. Interview by Sandra Parsons

cold House of Windsor. Prince Charles is marvellous with the children and most warm and loving. There was a criticism of them going to church and sitting upright and apart in the car, but you can't lounge about in public with your arms intertwined

Prince Charles, of course, was quite devastated by the death of her father, his greatuncle whom he called Uncle Dickie. The bomb exploded on August 27, 1979, a glorious summer's day. The Countess, her film producer husband Lord Brabourne and four of their seven children were stay-

mean my mother-in-law, and that if she had died then my father, who was the same sort of age group, might have died

as well.
"Although I couldn't see or speak or communicate in any way, I realised that Timmy was somewhere on the intensive care ward as well, and then when my sister came to



The family in 1979, left to right, Nicky, Timothy, Amanda, Michael John. Joanna, Philip, Norton

about people. The public sup-port is obviously important for the children and I am quite sure they receive tremendous support from their father and grandparents. The Oueen is very good with her grandchildren. They will receive close and warm support from their family, as they have always done. It's not going to start

"It's so understandable, if you are brought up to be a future Queen, you can't be a cry-baby. You can't say I have a headache, i don't want to go out today. You have got to be in control of yourself and you can't burst into tears in public. It's a lack of imagination that causes these criticisms, people don't put themselves into someone else's position. If you do put yourself in the position of someone who has been traumatically bereaved, and who has had the most terrible tragedy happen, you would realise that they need a little while to be able to compose

themselves sufficiently to face the public." For Lady Mountbatten, family is paramount. She adores her own and believes that if people lived in extended family units they would have fewer problems. Indeed, her house in Knightsbridge, once home to her, her husband, and all seven children, has now been converted into a pied-d-terre for them and a family home for one of her sons, Philip, and his wife

and children. She and her husband are coming up to "51 years of wonderfully happy marriage™. She puts their success down to the fact that she knew him very well before they married - he was her father's ADC and therefore almost a member of the family, "so I knew him not just in the sense of going to dinner or a weekend away, but when he was under pressure in everyday life as

It helped, too, that her father also loved her husband. In some ways he became the son Earl Mountbatten had always longed for, while her husband, whose own father had died when he was 14, found in the Earl a surrogate father figure .

She has had an immensely privileged life. Her maternal great-grandfather, the financier Sir Ernest Cassel, left several million pounds when he died and hauled his close friend King Edward VII out of debt. Her godfather was Edward VIII, and her parents. Louis and Edwina, were the most glamorous couple of their day. The King and Queen attended her wedding in 1946, and her bridesmaids were her sister. Pamela, and the then Princesses Elizabeth. Margaret and Alexandra.

You might expect her to be rather remote but she is warm and approachable. She has the gift of putting people at their ease, surely learnt at her father's knee: "I had a marvellous father who could talk about anything to anybody."

'I was so overwhelmed by the loss of Nicky that I began to feel guilty about my father'

Classiebawn Castle, where they had enjoyed family holi-days for 30 years. They would often putter about the bay in the Earl's old fishing boat and the August Bank Holiday trip to inspect the lobster pots was one they had made hundreds of times before.

The last thing Lady Mountbatten remembers of that day is saying to her 83-year-old mother-in-law, Doreen Lady Brabourne, "Isn't it a beautiful day?" At that point the IRA members sitting watching them from the cliff pressed the remote control and detonated the bomb. She heard a huge explosion and knew very little more until, drifting in and out of consciousness in hospital, wired up to a life support machine, she distinctly heard someone say: "The old lady's

"I realised that they must

visit, people talked about my husband, who was on a ward upstairs. They didn't talk about my mother-in-law or my father, so that sort of confirmed that. But nobody mentioned Nicky, and it did dawn on me that that was probably because he was dead too. But like Scarlett O'Hara I decided to think about that tomorrow, ause i leamy leit i needed all my strength to survive. I couldn't face another terrible blow. So although I knew in my heart, I didn't want it confirmed.

"Eventually I asked my sister, I tried to write on a piece of paper if Nicky was dead and she pretended she couldn't read it. She said she had to take it outside into better light. And of course she told the doctors that I was asking about Nicky and they said, if she is asking, you must tell her."

"The pain was overwhelming. I was tremendously close to my father and I always knew it would be an appalling loss when he died, but I was so overwhelmed by the loss of Nicky that at one point I began to feel guilty that I wasn't mourning my father enough. But then I realised that he would have understood, because the whole world was mourning him, whereas very few people even mentioned Nicky. It didn't mean that I loved my father any less, but it did demonstrate to me the

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strength of one's feelings as a parent. The child takes very much first position." She is convinced it was

because she was able to talk so much to both her sister and her husband that she never suffered nightmares about what had happened. Nor does she feel bitterness. "I have seen it so often, when people are bitter it not only destroys them but the people around them, too. It gets you absolutely nowhere. That sort of energy is better turned into trying to do something constructive."

Instead of flowers, her children asked for donations to be made to the NSPCC at Nicky's funeral. The result is a memorial fund which the Northern Ireland NSPCC uses to send both Catholic and Protestant children on holidays together.

t the age of 73, she is still involved with 50 charitable and voluntary organisations. But it is for the bereaved that she is perhaps most helpful and inspirational. She is certain that talking about and sharing the experience is the best way to help others going through similar grief.
"It's a loss of self-control.

Some people think they are losing their mind. That didn't happen to me, but you burst into tears for no particular reason, you're stunned and disorientated and it's difficult to gather your thoughts. I think it is reassuring to know that there are other people in the same circumstances.

"Time does mellow the pain. Eighteen years later I still cry for Nicky, but mainly I re-member the happy times, and it helps that we talk about him

"It took me six months of misery, and then a year to be relatively normal, and two years to be back to as normal as life is going to be, which is normal with a gap. You just learn to live with the gaps." ● The Child Bereavement Trust conference is on Friday, October 10 at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, London WI. For more information write to CBT Conference and Publications Service, Mole Conferences, 33 High Telephone and fax 0181-941 8324



Lady Mountbatten: "It took me six months of misery, and then a year to be relatively normal"

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■ We Britons may keep a stiff upper lip, but the Americans invented it

stiff upper lip has become an unfashionable feature, even when it does not jut out above a loose lower jaw. Since it is the lower lip that quivers when Tony Blair is reading the lesson, and when one is on the verge of crying, a stiff upper lip seems a useless appendage. I thought that this stoic image must have been invented for Victorian five-year-olds off to prep school and subalterns stranded up the Khyber Pass without a saddle, reciting if. And at least one explanation has been attempted along these lines: young officers in Victoria's armies wore moustaches to make themselves look adult, and tried to keep them trim so that the cultivated hair did not make their upper lips twitch, such twitching being a sign of lack of control in front of their men and memsahibs.

Like most popular etymologies, this explanation is ingenious but as useless as facial hair. All recorded evidence shows the stiff upper lip to be of American Puritan origin, from 1830 onwards. It is the reverse of the American "down in the mouth". Harriet Beecher Stowe urged Uncle Tom to keep a stiff upper lip. A century later P.G. Wodehouse, expert in American slang, was one of the first British writers to introduce the image. "Carry on Jeeves, stiff upper lip!" Graham Greene, another expatriate Briton sound on American usage, distinguished machismo, the Spanish equivalent of the Roman virtus, as having little to do with a stiff upper lip. And indeed, antique Roman and Homeric heroes blubbed a great deal at the appropriate occasions, provided they did so in a manly way, not making a ritual display of screeching like a woman.

Shakespeare's heroes from Hamlet downwards were not afraid of tears, yet like the antique Romans, Shakespeare knew that the best epitaphs are dry, with only a hint of tears in the subtext. Cymbeline is a muddle as a play. But it contains two of the most plangent lyrics in English, including "Golden lads and girls all must. As chimneysweepers come to dust." This does not have the Iron Age stoicism of the epitaph by Simonides for the Spartan dead at Thermopylae. But Housman caught Shakespeare's combination of stiff upper lip with the common touch that comes to lads, girls and chimney-sweepers in his epitaph on the British Expeditionary Force of 1914.

Tastes in epitaphs vary vastly through times and cultures. For those who find Candle in the Wind and the vernacular verse in Kensington Gardens touching but mawkish, Peter Vereker, our poetic Ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, has written a sone for Diana:

i will go smiling, sleeping, I will go proud and safe Not sad at all

I will go running, laughing. To the calm of the green isle I will go bright and brave To rest awhile.

I will go seeking, giving, To the peal of the high bell: I will go glad and sure

An icon used to be a stiff Byzantine picture of Christ, the Virgin Mary or a saint, venerated in the Orthodox churches. Now it has become a conventional cliché, an icon to click on from the database. A tragedy should be more strictly defined than just as a terrible calamity. Dunblane was not a tragedy by the strict definition of the word. though it was an enormity and a great grief. But a tragedy should concern a celebrated protagonist, with some fatal flaw in his character. It once had to have a turningpoint, a recognition scene, a climax and a resolution. A tragedy should teach lessons, and perhaps purge our emotions through a spectacle of pity and terror. Diana's death was part tragedy, part fifth act of a Shakespearean historical drama in fashion-

able modern dress, and part black farce. And for those with stiff upper lips, paparazzi were named from the Italian for 'buzzing insects", which they resemble as they swarm about a celebrity victim. Their activities were first brought to public notice by La Dolce Vita. But Maeterlinck anticipated Fellini: "Something in the insect seems to be alien to the habits, morals and psychology of this world, as if it had come from some other planet, more monstrous, more energetic. more insensate, more atrocious, more

As journalists defy the powerbrokers who control the Moscow media, a free press is born, says John Lloyd

ussia — weak, poor, uneasily at Reace, neither collapsing nor surging ahead — makes little news now, in contrast with the last five years of the past decade and the first five of this. Its political divisions have resumed a Byzantine pattern: men of power struggle viciously in and around the Kremlin for advantage and state favour, apparently indifferent to the popular welfare. Most disappointing to me, who saw between 1988 and 1995 the flourishing of a profession of really free and talented journalists, these men and women who established the new papers and renovated the old television and radio channels seem to have been

suborned by the new masters. Russian politics have become oligarchic. Boris Yeltsin achieved re-election last year because he mobilised the financial support of most of Russia's leading bankers. But nothing is free in Russia: the financiers benefited hugely from their investment in Yeltsin, receiving large slices of the most profitable assets in the country. Two of their number - Vladimir Potanin of Oneximbank and Boris Berezovsky of Avtovaz — took high posts in government (Potanin has since resigned).

The deal made with the businessmen included assimilation of the media into the presidential camp, and a very large moderation of its critical faculties. The main business figures either had, or quickly acquired, control of the television channels and the Moscow newspapers. Izvestia, which had a period of

Russia's fourth estate takes on the tsars

relative freedom in which it became the liberal and generally trusted voice of the intelligentsia, was bought up by a combination of Oneximbank and the major energy company Lukoil, and lost its doughty Editor, Igor Golembiovsky.

The two principal television channels the partially state-owned ORT and the independent NTV - are either controlled or owned outright by Berezovsky and Vladimir Gusinsky of the Most financial group. Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, has just created his own television channel to serve his (formally denied) ambition to run for the presidency. He is also said to have put ressure on all channels to keep Diana. Princess of Wales's funeral off Moscow's screens last weekend because it clashed with the anniversary celebrations he had decreed for the capital.

Since powerful, ambitious and ruthless men control the media, the business of journalism must serve their ends. The carving up of the state assets of Russia is a brutally corrupt business in which the big bankers are not merely in the corridors of power but right inside the highest offices, demanding this and agreeing on that. They are at war among themselves at present because Potanin of Oneximbank, the closest to government, outbid Gusinsky of Most and Berezovsky of Avtovaz for control of the company which controls the shares of the largest part of Russia's telecommunications. The latter two felt it was their turn to be favoured and have turned the fire of their television companies and papers on the senior ministers who they feel betrayed them.

This is a grim picture. Journalists can — indeed, are encouraged to - expose this or that minister or financier, but only because their boss wants revenge or to gain an advantage. Corruption on their own side is wholly taboo, no matter how blatant; that is the stuff of the rivals' media.

The benign view is that from this hammer and anvil of competition is beaten out the truth, or something near it. The reality is that few seem to find the

revelations of corruption and influencepeddling shocking, since there is seen to be no effective way of stopping it. Where the judicial and political institutions and civil society are all weak, independent media flap their wings uselessly in the

Russia was never a wholly open society, even in its most idealistic days just before and just after the Soviet collapse, yet it has not become a wholly closed one. The oligarchic state is unstable, with Yeltsin now favouring this old hack, now that new broom such as Boris Nemtsov, the new First Deputy Prime Minister. The financial barons make alliances which fall apart and are reformed with new configurations; the State is too weak to keep them in line and thus create a corporatism along fascist lines.

Russia is no longer a vast island. The Mayor of Moscow may have decreed Diana's funeral off the airwaves, but he invited her friend Luciano Pavarotti to sing in Red Square, together with the

to do tricks and the French electronic showman Jean-Michel Jarre to put on a light show. The sale of the communications company to Potanin was only possible because the Hungarian-American financier and moralist George Soros backed him with El billion. Even as the energy sector seeks to keep out foreign capitalists, it realises that it cannot renovate itself without foreign capital.

The journalists probe the limits; the better ones try to push against them. When an ORT correspondent was jailed by the authoritarian Government of Belarus for demonstrating how lax its border controls were, the Russian Ambassador did not complain, but his . inactivity sparked angry protests, not just from the television company but more widely. The many casualties and hostage-takings of Russian journalists in Chechnya gave the profession a moral stiffening - the more so since the writers and cameramen brought back pictures and stories which helped to create a public outcry against the war. Oleg Golembiovsky, in his sixties, is trying to found a new Izvestia.

Gorbachev raised the lid, initially to promote his own agenda. Later he, then Yeltsin, decreed press freedom to be a fact. It remains an aspiration - as it does everywhere. Money can still write many of its own rules in Russia, but it has witnesses and it cannot wholly control them.

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Hey Mum! I'm on thin ice

It started when I fell into a crevasse. Then

came hornets, rockfalls, bats, rapids . .

mum!" was how Bob Morgan put it. When I began writing for The Times, Bob was a senior reporter in our room at the Commons, nearing retirement. "If your column could be introduced by the words "Hey muml Guess what happened!" he told me, quoting the old Fleet Street advice, "it's probably worth printing. Or try asking 'so what?" at the end. If the question stings, reconsider submitting

Too often the question stings. They could put "so what?" on my tombstone. Few columnists fail to persuade themselves that what they have just written matters, but on sober reflection, we all have weeks when good topics come as rarely as Number II buses.

Then, like Number II buses, they all come at once. Our story, then, takes shape not so

much as a cream puff, as a log: a

First I fell down a crevasse. This was a new experience for me. Many ice-

their lives: I was into my first within an hour of being taken on to my first glacier. We were above 16,000ft in the Cordillera Réal of the Bolivian Andes, learning the techniques necessary to climb 5,000ft higher, to the summit

of Mount Illimani. We had just mastered ice-axe arrests. Now, roped together, three of us - Peter last, me in the middle and our leader, Archie, to the fore - we were making our way down the glacier to base camp.

It was within seconds of Archie shouting "crevasse!" that the new fall of snow under my feet suddenly gave way. My foot went through. As I tried to right myself, the other foot went through. Now I was up to my chest and the snow under my arms was crumbling in, too. Some instinct caused me to spider out my arms and legs and lie still. Archie and Peter dug in and fastened the rope. It held and I lay spreadeagled, hands and feet dug into crumbling banks.

looking down. You may think this odd, but I felt nothing as epic as shock at this unexpected possible end to my life; just a sort of "oh!" such as might follow the coming-off of a doorknob in one's hands. stared down. It was not cobalt blue, as in the movies. It was brown, dim and murky, deeper than I could see: I heard the echoing drip-drip of water, as into a deep well. I was not afraid, though no more than hopeful of survival. Peter and Archie tugged and I rolled out of it. An hour before I had protested to Archie that this was a Thatcherite world and climbing ropes risked condemning three instead of one.

Of Illimani, you may hear more next week. Of our rowing against a storm across the waters of Lake Titicaca to the Island of the Sun, there is no space to

And so we come to Conzata. We (Penny, Louis, Adrian, Julian and I) had reached this tropical village in the foothills of the Andes by Jeep, and, after pulling ripe oranges from trees, lodged in a tiny but pleasant lodging house. (Should we lock up our valuables? "No," we were told. There was a thief here once, but we shot him.") The dawn saw a dearth of transport on to Santa Rosa (30 miles), so we started to walk.

It did not matter that nothing came. Our morning stroll along a jungle track, through hills, alongside rivers, overflown by chattering green parrots, attended by butterflies the size of blue and yellow handkerchiefs, observed by bird spiders from glant-sized webs and ignored by armies of leafcutter ants on and surrounded by flo

ing trees and water-falls ... was like paradise. Lunch at Incachaka

after 15 miles was hot, but they had rice and fried egg (they never have less in Bolivia, and rarely more) and we marched on into

the afternoon sun. Suddenly there was a swimming pool — a big, roadside concrete pool fed by clear, cool water from a nearby stream - so we stripped off and swam. Then onward, the forest trees growing more huge as we descended into the heat. Next a bend in the track, a giant mahogany, and a liana rope hanging from 50ft above. We all swung and shrieked like children.

Then on. All at once a swarm of black hornets attacked from the trees. We fought them off. Our losses amounted to five stings: six hornets bit the dust. Another corner - and a river to cross. A wide, deep and turbulent river. Boots

off, we waded over with sticks. The track began to climb. After climbing 1,000ft we were strung out singly over a mile. all tiring. The sun was setting as I rounded a bend to hear a waterfall and see Louis' rucksack but no Louis. Moments later he stumbled out of the undergrowth, soaked, bleeding from the head, arms and leg. Exhausted and thirsty, he had tried to reach the water, fallen down the bank, dislodged two rocks, hit the water and been hit on the head by much the smaller of the rocks. Lucky it wasn't the big one. The wounds were superficial and Louis was dazed, no more. We limped in the dark into a



mining village, serenaded by bullfrogs as fireflies flashed and tree frogs bleeped like electronic synthesizers. A dog-sized coypu scuffled into the bushes.

Lights and a bar! Penny drank two litres of fizzy lemonade and was sick. An ancient Land Rover materialised and taxied us through some gullies to Santa Rosa. Penny collapsed on to a bed at the Hotel Ruth — a goldminer's lodging, with a green swimming pool — and we four then hit the town: one cobbled street with chemical balances by the cash desk for those who pay in gold - and bars. At

one such we drank eight cold beers to the barmaid's cassette of Ana Gabriel's Mexican Lament. The Indian at the table next to ours got up to urinate out of the door, returned, clasped Adrian's hand in drunken goodwill, sat down alone at his table and continued drinking. Later we were surprised by a crash as he hit the bare earth floor, followed by everything on the table. The barmaid picked up the broken glass and left him lying there, crumpled and insensible.
We returned to the hotel and swam at

midnight. Big bats flitted over the water. Sleeping hardly a wink in this noisiest and most mosquito-ridden of dives, we rose for the dawn Toyota (20 miners in and on top of one pick-up truck) to

Mapiri. At 9am from Mapiri there is a dugout cance to Guanay. We reached it just in time, our Toyota driver steering straight into the river, then driving upstream. the water flowing under the door sills, to the cance landing. The three-hour, 80mile river journey, shooting down rapids, outboard-motor assisted, in the company of miners, their wives, babies and wheelbarrows, as Indians panned the riverbanks for gold, was too amazing for words . . .

So no words, save to mention the rock we nearly hit (big, glistening, black, flashing by) and the wave that hit us. drenching Adrian. On to Guanay. whence a stifling three hours in an overloaded minivan on a dirt road to Caranavi, a truck stop at the foot of the Andes, where we were now headed back. I made tomato-and-onion sand-

By the Caranavi road junction we found a vast Volvo truck laden with some 30 tonnes of hardwood planks, its driver and his family just climbing into the cab. He agreed to turn a blind eye as we clambered up the side. There followed three hours we shall never over the cab, we had a platform in the air as the Volvo roared and ground its way up an earth road winding, it seemed, into the sky. Dusk fell, waterfalls from above the road splashed on to us and dust enveloped us as our vehicle clung to the edge of the near-vertical mountainside into which the road was carved and dynamited.

And then ... but I think I'm running out of space. Lorry stops in dark. Rockfall ahead. Pitter-patter, then rush, then roar, then pitter-patter. Driver U-turns to roadside shack where woman with two Kerosene rings makes two plates of rice plus two tins of pilchards. wolfed. Turn again: landslide still in progress. Huge roar. Driver says stop the night. Bed on planks. Millions of bright stars; pitter-patter, roar all night. Dawn. Road kaput. Decide to cross landslide on foot (Indians doing so), then walk. Penny hit on head by rock, but not killed. Penny shocked dazed. Julian takes her pack, she limps behind, l0km on, reach shack. Negress in Indian ... costume and bowler hat (descendant of ... escaped slaves) gives us water, and alcohol for Penny's head wound. Walk on. Sudden roar of scores of trucks landslide must be cleared, road reopened - first driver misreads detour sign and heads into flat, dry riverbed all follow - much hooting and dust all head back out the way they came -Wacky Races - we flag down minibus, sweaty peasants edge away - bus climbs hill - on top, Corioco. Hotel Esmeralda, phonel Swimming pool, trout, beer. Penny can chew a bit. So brave. Must send Times column ... Hey, mum!

Second love

just wed in secret. His bride is Annalena McAfee, a red-haired arts journalist known to colleagues as "the much-loved", whom he married at a private ceremony in Long Island. Surprised friends thought he was still recovering from the end of his 14-year marriage.

McEwan, 49, whose novels dwell



Blushing groom: McEwan

sado-masochism, was as coy as a teenager who had eloped to Gretna Green. "We're very good friends," he blushed. "She's a lovely girl."

He has dedicated his latest novel. Enduring Love, about a disturbing psychological condition which renders sufferers in a psychotic state of deluded, unrequited and obsessive love for another - erotomania - to his new wife.

For McEwan it is a radical lifechange. During his marriage to Penny Allen, a meditation expert, he often spoke of his happy family life (he and Miss Allen had four children) in rural Oxfordshire.

Now he has left the shires to live in Annalena's McAfee's pad in Primrose Hill. North London. She won respect for battling through a cancer scare ten years ago. The relationship also signifies a radical change for her: before falling for McEwan's literary charm, she dated an actor who plays one of the hard-nosed Mitchell brothers in EastEnders - lads more used to hanging out under car bonnets than in the Groucho Club.

 Beefy egos are suffering in Rome. Arriving at a restaurant earlier this week, the actor Sylvester Stallone, who has savaged the paparazzi, was greeted not by flashbulbs but by snappers bearing notices reading "We are photographers, not assassins". All efforts to pose were in vain: they simply refused to take his picture.

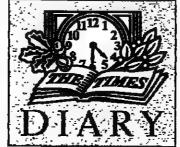
State's man

SHOULD Wee Willie Hague manage to produce an heir, his son would be a remarkable human being - the first child of a Tory leader in a thousand years to attend a state school.

"I went to a state school and I would certainly do the same with my own family," he tells me. There are very many outstanding state schools."

Tory image wonks are clearly determined to make Wee Willie appear even more ordinary than he already does (remember the rum punch at the Notting Hill Carnival

in that open-necked shirt?) The patter of tiny Tory feet is usually accompanied by the swish of a housemaster's cane. Margaret Thatcher sent little Mark to Harrow and Carol to St Paul's. Even



the classless John Major sent James and Elizabeth to Kimbolton school (£12,500 a year). Ted Heath had no such dilemma.

So, this promises to be young William's first historical achievement. I just hope that his delightful fiancee. Ffion Jenkins (about as smart as they come in Wales), contimes to be so understanding.

Not a lot

JUST good enemies seems to be the state of neighbourly relations among the sun-lounger set in Buckinghamshire. Cilla Black, the Blind Date presenter, has a difficult relationship with her neighbour, the magician Paul Daniels. Odd, really, as both would seem

to come from the same drawer. But 12 years of living near Miss Black in the village of Denham were enough for Daniels, who has decided to pack up his conjuring-box and move to Berkshire. "I saw very little of Cilla and nev-

er liked her," he says. "She only lived three doors away but she never took part in the local community. She's a strange woman." Miss Black's remaining neighbours, who include the actor Sir

John Mills and the musician Mike Oldfield, might be interested to hear that our Cilla has gone abroad for a while. Ta-ra, chuck. • Felsham church, Suffolk, was this week sued after one of its trees

crushed the garden of a neighbour,

High and dry

was an "act of God".

COULD this be the end of High Life? Swarthy playboy Taki shocked Spectator readers yesterday when he hinted that his col-

umn may be leaving the magazine. Low Life is gone and I am not sure if High Life works without it," wrote the despondent scribe, referring to the demise of his sister column after the death of Jeffrey Bernard. But Frank Johnson, Editor of The Spectator, says it is a false alarm. "He will carry on, he is just a bit down. Contrary to popular belief, he is quite a modest man."

• Ever the opportunist in conference season, Tony Blair will follow his Brighton victory parade with a flight to Moscow, neatly timed to coincide with the Tory gathering in Blackpool. Our leader guesses that pictures of him downing shots with Boris will outclass seaside snaps of Wee Willie.

Bottom line

who alleged negligence. The LIPS moistened at London's church's unsuccessful defence? It Hempel Hotel the other night as guests admired the rippling forms of athletes depicted in Herb Ritts's revealing photographic exhibition. Baring all for art (if art it be) was

Jacqui Agyerpong, a British hur-dler, whose uninhibited pose left admirers in little doubt of her athletic prowess. But to the chagrin of female guests, Linford Christie, the 100m Olympic champion much famed for his "lunch-box", said simply: "I don't take my clothes off." Cheeky, this, as his company,



Vitaly: force of gravity

Nuff Respect, manages some of the featured athletes. Conversation turned to just how the male models - such as Olympic champion Vitaly Scherbo, whose muscular back and bottom have set many a girl's pulse a-flutter - managed to display their nakedness without presenting their masculine charms for all to admire, so to speak. Colin Jackson, the hurdler, explained that it is a matter of physics: "You lean slightly to one side and let gravity do the work, " he said. "Just like a pendulum."





DIANA'S DAY

A permanent memorial is needed for the pilgrims

Ten days ago, we quoted Auden's words: "Let the mourners come." They are still coming. The streets and gardens around Kensington Palace are choked with pilgrims. They come to pray or weep for Diana and her children, to bring thank-offerings for her life and works, or to purge some , private grief. Some, too, come just to be part of a great mass happening. Meanwhile, transport and parks authorities struggle to cope with the invasion of the pious and the curious. Even the removal of flowers and messages has had to be essayed with the utmost sensitivity. Old traditions are stirring; perhaps not since the Reformation has Britain witnessed such a pilgrimage, amid scenes that might have been familiar to Chaucer but seem strange to many now.

As the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his committee set about the task of commemorating the Princess one thing is clear. Those who are devoted to Diana need a shrine, one less makeshift than the gates or grounds of Althorp and of the royal palaces, A permanent place of pilgrimage must be established before this unsatisfied hunger turns veneration to acrimony.

London should have a secular monument; it might be sculptural or architectural, or (like the Albert Memorial) both. Kensington Gardens is the obvious site for it, though much depends on the scale and the design. Just as her funeral succeeded in fusing ancient and modern words, classical and popular music, so it should be possible for the nation's talents to create a monument that captures something of the lady's elegance and grace. A public competition should be held, perhaps involving the Prince of Wales. If Gordon Brown were reluctant to allow the Exchequer to pay, the cost could be met jointly from the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and from public subscription.

There may also have to be a more discreet memorial at or near Althorp which, unlike Diana's island grave, would be open all year round. Such a memorial would be best placed in Great Brington Church, where the rest of the Spencers he, or in its churchyard. If that is not possible, Earl Spencer should give some thought to erecting a chapel of remembrance in the vicinity of Althorp. If it were beyond his means, the memorial fund might contribute. The running costs could be paid out of voluntary contributions, perhaps subsidised by the greatly enlarged revenues which the public can be expected to pay at Althorp itself. The chapel ought to be a holy place, at once accessible and ecumenical, to reflect the fact that her devotees come from all faiths and none.

Diana should be commemorated in time as well as space. One of the best proposals so far is that of creating a new Bank Holiday or perhaps renaming an existing one in Diana's honour. The obvious date would be her birthday on July 1, or the nearest Monday. New Bank Holidays are a macroeconomic luxury, however, and the present Iron Chancellor might veto it. In that case, moving one of the two existing May Bank Holidays to July would have much to recommend it. Some trade unionists and others on the Left would object to the abolition of the May Day holiday, so the Government might prefer to avoid unseemly controversy by moving the other May holiday instead.

Whatever Mr Brown's solution turns out to be, the idea of Diana Day is attractively festive, and not without precedent. On November 17, Elizabeth I's accession day, glasses were raised in memory of Good Queen Bess for decades after her death. Just so should the nation toast the Princess on a bright July day for many years to come.

THE MINE TREATY

The painful journey to a world without landmines

Halfway through the three-week conference in Oslo negotiating an international landmine ban, the Canadians have good reason to be satisfied. The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has galvanised world opinion into support for a permanent prohibition on the manufacture, sale or use of any anti-personnel landmine, including even those that self-destruct. Lloyd Axworthy, the Canadian Foreign Minister and leading crusader for a world ban, has arrived in Britain from Oslo, and can see for himself how the Princess's campaign has influenced public and government views. More than 100 countries are represented in Oslo, and virtually all are ready to subscribe to the Ottawa principles.

There is one critical exception. America is still demanding the right to maintain mines along the South Korean border to deter an invasion by communist North Korea, one of the world's most unpredictable regimes. President Clinton, bowing to public opinion, not least in thre United Kingdom.has promised that he will sign the treaty. But the Pentagon wants to postpone destruction of its stocks in Korea indefinitely. Mr Axworthy, to his credit, is entertaining no exception: any geographic or strategic exception would negate the force of a treaty. he argues, and lessen the chances of persuading countries and armies still relying on landmines to change their position.

Strategists have pointed to flaws in the American arguments: if any North Korean assault were armour-led, it would be accompanied by mechanised mine-clearing devices against which anti-personnel mines are of no effect. And in more difficult terrain the North Koreans would use "human wave" tactics in which mine casualties would be simply disregarded. America may well change its stance in the coming week; if not,

it has until December to accede to the treaty due for signature on September 19. Washington may not want to pass up the chance to make amendment or be seen as a laggard in the wake of its northern neighbour.

Finland is one country not not represented at Oslo: though geography and the Cold War explain such former reliance on mines. More seriously, Russia, China, Pakistan, India and Israel are also absent. The treaty relies on the renunciation of mines by user countries, and a world ban may carry some weight in the sub-continent and Russia. But equally important is the prohibition on the manufacture of these deadly weapons, now deployed in some 60 countries and still killing or maining about 500 people each

China is by far the largest manufacturer, and the main market nowadays is not governments but guerrilla groups and militias fighting in the mountains of Afghanistan or jungles of Cambodia. As long as a steady supply is available, insurgents and separatists will continue to sow these cheap instruments of mutilation and death.

Western strategists are already looking at alternatives to mines. Spy satellites and drones could monitor frontiers, and air-blast bombs could be as deadly a deterrent to aggression. But a comprehensive landmine ban would not end the killingof non-combatants. Estimates put the number of mines already deployed at up to 300 million; in countries such as Angola, Afghanistan and Cambodia farmers and children will be victims for years to come. Some clearance has begun, notably in Kuwait and Bosnia. But even in Egypt the desert is still deadly, and there is virtually no money to make it safe. The Ottawa process cannot stop with a treatty.

SICKLY SWEET

A sweetshop is the first place where children control their lives

If Mars contains intelligent life, then it is well disguised. Certainly contact with this chocolate and toffee planet is taking place at an enormous distance from normal childhood on Earth. As we report today, the Mars confectionery empire is expected to rename its old favourite Opal Fruits. The fruity, chewy sweet will be known as "Star Bursts" in future.

This decision will allow the company to exploit the same brand name worldwide. It will make economies of scale by standardising a single advertising and sponsorship strategy. It swims with the tide of globalisation. But the marketing moguls do not give a gobstopper or an effervescent sherbet fountain that they are striking a blow against traditional values. To buy sweets is a child's first chance to spend pocket money; a child's first adventure into the world of commerce. And children remain conservative about the sweet poetry

of their childhood names.

This is not the first time that the men from Mars have displayed soulless tendencies. A few years ago Marathon—the chocolate bar packed full of peanuts—was renamed Snickers for standardisation. The contrast of nomenclature was an oxymoron. The eponym Marathon suggested heroism in battle and on the running-track, even the birth of civilization when honey was the only sweet. Marathon was a name with legs. Whereas Snickers, which is recorded in no dictionary, has no poetry; except possibly to assist in the

composition of juvenile limericks. Now the poor Opal Fruit is to suffer the same indignity. The name may not be quite classical, but it still conjures up images of beauty. It does actually, if not entirely accurately, describe an attribute of the product. For the sweet has iridescent colours, even if the gemstone would be hard on the teeth. Star Bursts, on the other hand, is a completely artificial construction. It sounds like a television talent competition.

The Slough-based sweet superpower would be unwise to treat the sensitivities of its customers so lightly. Ask an adult about Snickers and all you will receive is a look of Trivial Pursuit bemusement. Mention Smarties, however, and a sentimental conversation will follow. Such preferences are transferred across the generations. Mars executives may find in this case that they have bitten off more than they can chew.

If Mars continues with these tactics it will put itself out of business. In North America the Mars Bar does not exist but the company retails a very similar product. This is called Milky Way, which is somewhat different from the variety we know in Britain. According to its current fiendish plans, the corporation should logically and the Mars Bar and then rename itself Milky Way Limited, Slough. Mars plc was founded 65 years ago but its marketing men have chosen to act more like impetuous teenagers than pensioners. Are these people off their wrappers?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Reality' of West Bank occupation

From Mr John Rowe

Sir, As a recent visitor to the occupied West Bank, I was concerned to read in your leading article ["Under siege". September 8) that "The Palestinian leader has been too ambiguous for too long in his approach towards the extremists". Expecting Arafat to "decommission terrorism within the territory he controls" — a feat not yet achieved even by the British Government in Northern Ireland — merely obscures the uncomfortable reality that Hamas has flourished under the conditions of mass pauperisation and injustice which Israel has imposed on the territories.

Hamas is a highly professional and discreet organisation; there are no easy targets on the West Bank. Another programme of the extra-judicial murder, arbitrary arrest and detention of terrorist "suspects" and ordinary Palestinians on the scale currently being called for by the Israeli Government will not result in the peace with security promised by Mr Netanyahu, regardless of whether the clampdown is carried out by the IDF or Arafat's private army.

You laid much emphasis on Israel's "agony" in the Lebanon and its right to security; no mention was made of the no less valid rights of Palestinians and Lebanese civilians. Given the carnage wreaked in Lebanon over the years by the Israeli Army and Air Force, and the continuing abuse of human rights in the occupied territories, this seems fundamentally unjustable to the legitime and collection received.

Justice, not collective reprisal and further repression, is the only long-term basis for security; until Israelis accept this and the facts of the occupation Madeleine Albright is wasting her time.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ROWE, 10 Station Road, Parbold, Lancashire. September 10.

Blair and the unions

From Mr Peter Wood

Sir, It is unfortunate that the Prime Minister's address to the TUC (reports and leading article, September 10) should lean so insistently on such an inadequate notion as "the real world", especially when he insisted that "influence with this Government and with me is not determined by anything other than the persuasiveness of your arguments". Davie Patton of the Fire Brigades Union saw not persuasiveness but threat.

Even if that is putting it too strongly, Mr Blair was certainly not relying on persuasive argument to convince the unions, rather the well-developed, inhumane — because incomplete and one-sided — market rhetoric to which the Archbishop's much-reviled but careful address ("Brothers berate Carey over brethren", Business, September 10) was a useful corrective.

To agree broadly with Mr Blair is not to endorse the terrible conceit of modern enlightenment which animates his message. Yours faithfully,

PETER WOOD, Newbold Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, je28@dial.pipex.com September 10.

From the General Secretary of the TUC

Sir, May I clarify your report ("Anger at privatisation by back door", September II) of the TUC's debate on the Private Finance Initiative.

Two motions were presented to Congress for discussion. The first said that the PFI should not be relied upon to underpin the renewal of public services. It did not rule out all forms of public/private partnerships. This motion was carried unanimously. The second motion was opposed in principle to PFI and any private investment in public services. The General Council recommended that Congress should oppose rejecting PFI in principle, and it was defeated following a card vote.

The discussion was certainly lively and real concern was expressed about the operation of the PFI, particularly in the National Health Service. However, Congress did not agree to opposed PFI in principle or to "mount a challenge" to PFI in all circumstances.

Yours sincerely, JOHN MONKS, General Secretary, TUC, As from: Congress House, Great Russell Street, WCl. September 11.

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Fate of the Battersbys

From Mrs Brenda Hoatson

Sir, You report today that Jack Straw has announced tough new measures to deal with neighbourhood bullies. Is this the only way we can get the message through to Coronation Street's producer that the neighbours from hell (letters, September 2 and 9) are not wanted?

If he wants realism, let the residents call in the police and find out how tough these measures really are.

Yours faithfully. BRENDA HOATSON, 56 Meadway, Liverpool 15, bhoatson@clara.net September 10.

Banana ban threat in the Caribbean

kets to give consumers the choice of

buying Caribbean bananas.

The WTO ruling will not benefit

free trade - it will only reinforce the

dominance of bananas grown by

American multinationals on huge

plantations in Central and South

America. The impact on Caribbean

states is likely to be very damaging.

Without the banana boats other

exports and vital imports will become

more expensive to transport. Without

vital banana export earnings these

island democracies could soon be-

come dependent on aid or, as your

report suggested, drug cultivation.

97 rue Belliard, Brussels B-1047.

Sir. If the WTO ban is heeded, it will

wreck the fragile economies of the

islands and probably cause political

As the total banana output of the

Caribbean islands is less than 5 per

cent of that coming from Central

America and the northern republics of

South America, the European subsidy

is hardly unfair. The importance of

banana exports to the islands is that it

provides between 40 and 80 per cent of

their total revenue, the highest figures

Commonwealth the withdrawal of the

subsidy may give the UK significant

JOHN HARRISON,

September 10.

31 Aylesbury Road, Bedford.

As half the islands are in the British

for the islands without high tourism.

Yours faithfully, GLENYS KINNOCK

European Parliament.

From Mr John Harrison

DAVID THOMAS.

TERRY WYN.

instability.

From Mr Christopher Booker

Sir. Your Brussels correspondent is right (report, September 9) to high-light the very alarming threat now hanging over various small Caribbean islands if the World Trade Organisation confirms its proposed ban on the preferential arrangements whereby they can export their bananas to Europe. But the plight of former British islands like Dominica and St Lucia should not be confused with that of "former... French colonies".

As maritime départements of France, islands such as Martinique and Guadeloupe are part of the European Union. This means that not only will they be able to continue exporting their bananas to Europe, but under the common agricultural policy will continue to be subsidised by EU tax-

British taxpayers thus face the anomaly that, while we can do nothing to help banana growers in our own former colonies, we must continue to subsidise their French neighbours.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER BOOKER, The Old Rectory, Litton, Bath. September 9.

From Mrs Glenys Kinnock, MEP for South Wales East (Party of European Socialists Group (Labour), and others

Sir, While the EU considers how to respond to the World Trade Organisation ruling which could spell ruin for Caribbean banana-growing states, there is one thing British consumers can do: buy Caribbean bananas. Those sold in Britain are 5-isles, Geest, JP and Fyffes.

Shoppers could also fill in customer comment forms, available in most supermarkets, asking the supermar-

Treasury and Church

Sir. As the Treasury announces its tax

rebate for Candle in the Wind, per-

haps I could point out how it has treat-

ed the Church of England, in whose

In the last 20 years, the Church has been hit twice by the move to indirect

taxation. The reduction in the basic

rate of tax from 35 per cent to 23 per

cent has reduced the tax reclaimed on

covenants from 54 per cent to 30 per cent, while irrecoverable VAT has

more than doubled from 8 per cent to

17.5 per cent on purchases by the

Church of everything from cathedral

VAT has been added to church

extensions, heating and bells. The 50

building this song was premiered.

From Mr Robert Leach

per cent local authority tax relief for vicarages has been scrapped. Insurance-premium tax has been introduced, costing the Church over £1 mil-

These changes alone account for an estimated extra £21 million per year in

The last Budget removed the tax credit for pension funds, which will cost another £17 million a year.

The Treasury can easily afford to give back £1 million to Princess Diana's charity. They can fund it from the extra £38 million tax paid by the Church of England.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT LEACH, 19 Chestnut Avenue, Epsom, Surrey. September 11.

School pets

maintenance to candles.

From Mrs Elizabeth Ormerod

Sir, I am perturbed to learn that education officials in Aberdeen are considering a ban on school pets (report, August 28).

Research presented at an international conference in Geneva in 1995 on human-animal interactions showed that the presence of classroom pets can have many positive effects on child development. These include improved self-esteem, higher academic achievement and better social skills. Children also have the opportunity to develop an understanding of and compassion for creatures more vulnerable than themselves, which helps them to develop empathy for other people. A school pet programme can also be successful in counteracting vandalism and truancy.

As a veterinary surgeon, I share concerns about the few instances of poor pet-keeping. However, there are many more examples of good practice. Let us draw on these to develop standards for the appropriate selection and care of animals and their integration into the school curriculum.

In our increasingly urbanised and computerised society it is most important that children have opportunities to experience the companionship of animals. They are a vital link with the natural world. Computers cannot replace contact with living, sentient creatures and will certainly not help our children to develop compassion.

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH ORMEROD, The Mount Veterinary Surgery, 1 Harris Street, Fleetwood, Lancashire, September 1.

A-level lit crit

From Mrs Sharon Footerman

Sir, Michael Cole (letter, August 29; see also letter, August 20) is overgenerous in assuming that an A-level candidate would need to commit to memory a correctly punctuated

"catch-all" closing sentence.

All A-level literature candidates are required to take copies of their set texts into the examination room. The blank pages and margins of these texts may be annotated with handwritten notes. Many candidates pack the blank spaces in their texts with "notes" ranging from page references for quotations to complete model answers on key topics.

This saves the candidate from the stresses of memorising anything and, indeed, of doing any real thinking at all.

Yours faithfully, SHARON FOOTERMAN, 6 Woodward Avenue, Hendon, NW4. August 29.

A lovesome thing

From Mr Robert Hargreaves
Sir. Readers who advocate will

Sir, Readers who advocate wilder gardens (Mr John Brookes's letter. August 27) should remember the country vicar who greeted one of his toiling parishioners with the remark: "It's a wonderful thing that God can do with a garden."

"Maybe so. Vicar," replied the gardener. "But you should have seen it when He had it to Himself".

Yours sincerely.
ROBERT HARGREAVES,
Backfield Place,
Winchelsea,
East Sussex.
August 28.

Latin misconstrued

From Dr Leofranc Holford-Strevens

Sir, The inscription from Caesarea Maritima published in your earlier editions today is mistranscribed and mistranslated.

The top line is omitted, and the second is given as "adiviorib", which is gibberish.

Either the second I is a mistake for T or the crossbar has worn off. Bearing in mind the Roman taste for abbreviation, we get:

SPES BONA

ADIVTORIB(us)
OFFICI
CVSTODIAR(um)
Good hope to the adjutants of the

"Good hope to the adjutants of the Office of the Watch."

Yours faithfully,
LEOFRANC HOLFORD-

STREVENS, 67 St Bernard's Road, Oxford. aulus@gellius.demon.co.uk September 10.

Vultures' return From Mr C. J. Wilmoth

From Mr C. J. Wilm Sir, The reintroduction

Sir, The reintroduction of the bearded vulture to the French Alps (letter, September 10) may well "lift the spirits of conservationists". I am not so sure it will do the same for injured skiers.

Yours sincerely, C. J. WILMOTH, 2 Bould Farm Cottages, Bould, Idbury, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. September 10.

Letters may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. c-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

US salute to earl's powerful tribute

From Mr Todd Victor Leone

Sir, In the whole of my 45 years, I have never been as deeply affected by the death of someone I never met as by that of Diana, Princess of Wales. I have never been as deeply moved by a

As a member of the Anglican communion, I have long maintained that no religious tradition is better at devising liturgies in the English language. I commend your honorable Prime Minister for his inspiring reading of I Corinthians xiii.

I Corinthians xiii.

But the most inspiring experience of the entire service was Earl Spencer's tribute. I am not often given to standing ovations while viewing television by myself, but I was compelled to rise and applaud. If only all sermons in all pulpits could be as powerful, as effect-

ive, as liberating, as accurate in aim.
Earl Spencer doubtless chose to
speak his truth and live with the consequences, if any. I salute him for his
courage and his honesty.

Sincerely, TODD VICTOR LEONE, 1690 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94109-2418, todd 1952@pacbell.net September 9.

Value of protocol

From Rear-Admiral J. P. W. Middleton

Sir. Protocol has been much in the news in the past week, usually with a suggestion that it inhibits change, or makes impossible some otherwise desirable activity.

Protocol has two aims: to formalise the application of good manners, so that no one is embarrassed or surprised, and to establish best practice.

based on relevant experience.

Protocol did very well last week. It laid down guidelines for the conduct of a great human activity, and allowed an enormously complex exercise to proceed with exemplary dignity and exactitude. The much trumpeted, but relatively minor departures from the rubric were only possible because so much of the ceremony was already decided, allowing time to consider carefully the proposed changes.

Thus protocol encourages deviation and can properly be considered to be a liberating framework of reference rather than a confining straitjacket.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK MIDDLETON, Manora, Chilmark, Wiltshire. September 8.

From Mrs M. E. Richards

Sir. Those who clamour for a change to the monarchy would be well advised to reflect on the resulting bitterness and division caused by the "modernisation" of the Anglican Church.

It does not augur well for the future if stability and security are to be undermined in order to accommodate the fashion of the day. Change inevitably occurs over the generations, but it must happen in a responsible and sensible way, and for the right reasons.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET RICHARDS, West Adderbury, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Protecting minors From Mr Robin Spon-Smith

Sir, I believe that Lord Donaldson of Lymington (letter, today) is mistaken. The inherent jurisdiction of the High

exercised without making the child concerned a ward of court.

This was recognised by Lord Donaldson's predecessor, Lord Denning, in a judgment (Re L) given in 1968. It is now well understood amongst family law practitioners that wardship proceedings are a convenient, but not essential, method of invoking the in-

Court with respect to minors can be

herent jurisdiction.

It would therefore be possible for the Prince of Wales (or, in theory, any other person) to apply to the High Court for orders to protect his sons from intrusive publicity without the necessity of making them wards of

The making of such orders would appear to go beyond what the High Court has hitherto been prepared to do in the exercise of its inherent jurisdiction, but the jurisdiction is a highly flexible one, theoretically unlimited in its scope, and is open to judicial development.

Yours truly, ROBIN SPON-SMITH, I Mitre Court Buildings, Temple, EC4. rsponsmith@compuserve.com September 9.

A blow for monarchy

From Mr John Montgomery

Sir, Thank you for the photograph on your front page today showing one of "The People" thumping Johnny Foreigner on the jaw. I have been wondering just who they might be, these "People", of whom one hears so much lately and for whom, so we are told, the monarchy must be modernised. Now I think I know.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MONTGOMERY,
10 Belmont Hall Court,
Belmont Grove, SE13.
Se_tember 11.

left i leathrow Airport, London, for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer is in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE September 11: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester today departed Heathrow Airport, London,

to carry out engagements in

President, the Commonwealth

Games Federation, this evening

Luxembourg.

Sir John Margetson (Special Representatives of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and took leave of Their Royal Highnesses.
The Duke of Gloucester

accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon opened St George's International School's new premises at rue des Marguerites and afterwards visited the Musée d'Histoire de la Ville de Lovembourg, rue du Saint-Esprit. This evening Their Royal High-nesses attended a Dinner given by His Excellency Mr John Flam (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the rand Duchy of Luxembourg) and Mrs Elam at the British Embassy. Boulevard Roosevelt.

Mrs Howard Page and Major Nicholas Barne are in attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 11: The Duke of Kent. Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning attended the opening of the City of London Financial Services Se nar in Nizhny Novgorod and this afternoon attended a Reception for recipients of British Government awards and scholarships at the British Embassy, Moscow, Russia. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE September 11: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon vis-ited the University of Aberdeen's Department of Ophthalmology for "Saving Sight in Grampian" at the Medical School. Foresterhill.
Aberdeen, and was received by Mr
Richard Ellis (Deputy Lieutenant
of the City of Aberdeen).

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Mr lain Macintyre to be a Surgeon to Her Majesty in Scotland in succession to Sir David

Birthdays today

Mr Bertle Ahern, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 43; Miss Maria Aitken, acress, 52; Sir Lindsay Alexander, former deputy chairman, Lloyds Bank, 77; Vis-count Allendale, 75; Mr Nicholas Barter, Principal, RADA, 57; Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, former Lord-Lieuten ant of Inverness, 87: Mr Alan Catheart, chairman and chief executive, Avis, Europe, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, 82; Professor Ronald Hedley, educationist, 80; Mr Ian Holm, actor, 66; Lord Milner of Leeds, 74; the Right Rev Alan Rogers, former Bishop of Mauritius, 90; the Right Rev Frank Pilkington Sargeant, Bishop at Lambeth, 65; Mr Robert Simpson, chief executive, Press Associ ation, 53; Sir Arthur Sugden, former chief executive officer. Co operative Wholesale Society, 79: Sir Gervas Walker, former chairman, Association of County Coun-cils, 71: Professor George Zarnecki, FBA, art historian, 82.

Dinner Woolwich pie

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The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Eddie George, was guest of honour at the 150th Anniversary dinner of the Woolwich, held last night at the Royal Artillery, Woolwich, Sir Brian Jenkins, Chairman of Woolwich McLintock also spoke.

Reception

Lord McGregor of Durris Lord McGregor of Durris enter-tained St Mark's Hospital and St Mark's Academic Institute at a reception in the House of Lords yesterday. Professor John Nicholls, Clinical Director, Mr James Thomson, former Clinical Director and Mr John Sadler. CBE, Chairman of The Marksman

CBE, Chairman of The Marksman Appeal for research into bowed disorders, also spoke. Those present included: Lord and Lady Brownlow, Lord Butterfield, Baroness Cumberlese, Baroness in of ruddington, Lord and Ledy Meckol of Durris, Lady Riches, the Right Hon Virginia Bottomies, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr, Mr Gary Ward, Mrs Anna Shab, and Mrs Angela Heath, non executive directors, and Mr Michael Cole, Chief Executive, Northwick Park and St Marks Hospitals NHS Trust, the Hon CE. Cecil. Chairman of the City of London Cityb. Professor, Michael MARICS HOSDIDIS NHS TRIST, the Hon C.E. Cecil. Chairman of the City of London Ciub. Professor Michael Edwards, Chairman of St Marks Academic Institute, Professor Christopher Edwards, Principal, and other representatives of Imperial College School of Medicine, members of the Board of Pairons of St Marks Hospital and Academic Institute, members of staff and triends of St Marks and Northwick Park Hospitals.

Supper

Wigmore Hall International

Dr Ralph Kohn (Chairman) and Mrs Kolm entertained members of the jury and committee to buffet supper at home last night. Among those present were: Dams Margaret Price, Miss Elisabeth Siderstram, Mr Rudolf Jansen, Mr Graham Johnson, Mr William Lyne. Mr Frederick Noonan, Mr Peter Schreier, Mr Antony Forwood and Miss Virginia Harding.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Herbert Henry Asquith, ist Earl of Oxford and Asquith. Prime Minister 1908-16. Morley. Yorkshire, 1852; H.L. Mencken, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1880; Maurice Chevaller, singer, Paris, 1888; Louis MacNeice, poet, Bel-fast, 1907; Jesse Owens, athlete, Danville, Alabama, 1913.

DEATHS: François Couperin (Le Grand), harpsichordist, Paris, 1733; Gebhard von Blucher, field marshal, Silesia, 1819; Robert Lowell, poet, New York, 1977. Cleonatra's Needle was erected on the Thames Embankment, London.

Emperor Haile Selassic of Ethiopla was deposed by a military coup, 1974. Steve Biko, first president of the

South African Students Organis-ation, died in a prison hospital, Pretoria, 1977.

Sun shines on a winning march

Piping

schools in Oban are being

taught regularly by Pipe Ma-jor Ronald Lawrie, and the

cost is borne equally between

the Argyllshire Gathering

Piping Trust and Argyll and

Bute Council. It is hoped that

this joint venture will be

The local march was won

by Paul Tweedley. Gillian

Campbell, who came second

in the march, won the local

strathspey and reel, and also

the prize for the best local

in the A grade, the march

competition, and with it the

Royal Scottish Pipers' Soci-

ety's bronze star, was won by

Iain Speirs, and the strath-

spey and reel and the Angus

Church appointments

Vicar, East Farnworth and Kearsley (Manchester): to be Team Rector, New Bury (same diocese).

The Rev Michael Hanton, Vicar,

Middleton St Cross (Ripon): to be Vicar, Ingol St Margaret

The Rev Frank Howard, Rector,

Stanton (St Edmundsbury & Ips-wich): to be half-time Team Vicar,

The Rev David Howell, Curate,

pnall (Norwich).

extended beyond Oban.

WHETHER it is fine or there The competitions began with the local marches, and is horizontal driven rain, or a strathspey and reel. "Local" means resident in or connectthunderstorm, or Side Nan Seachd Sian on the Thursday of the Argyllshire Gathering ed with Argyll, or serving in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. There is always the games and the piping go on. But in spite of a forecast of steady rain, the day remained a shortage of local pipers, dry and sunny.
The winner of the Gold mainly because, until a year ago, piping was not taught in the primary schools. But now about 70 pupils in the primary

Medal traditionally acts as pipe-major for the march of the president, stewards, and members of the Gathering through Oban to Mossfield Park. James Murray and a contingent of the 30 pipers competing on the second day piped them along that halfmile march. There is a new and efficient

system for the Thursday competitions, of which there are five: the A and B-grade marches, A and B-grade strathspey and reel, and the jigs, which are open to all comers. Having played his march, the competitor goes straight to the strathspey and reel platform, and thence to the jigs. The system worked well, with no delays occurring. In fact it was almost too 2000. AS THE DIDLING CATH end earlier than usual.

The Rev John Hargreaves, Team Vicar, Daventry (Holy Cross), Ashby St Ledgers, Braunston, Catesby, Hellidon, Staverton and

Welton (Peterhornush): has been

appointed Priest-in-Charge,

The Rev Tony Hart, Vicar, Easingwold w Raskelle (York): to be also Rural Dean of Easingwold

The Rev Brian Hartley, Team

Pinxton (Derby).

(same diocese).

grade march was won by Private Ian Finlayson, and Mark Wemyss took first prize for strathspey and reel.

Displays of dahlias being carefully prepared by staff of Tivey and Sons for their stand at the Great Autumn Show which opens at Harrogate today

The jig competition was Walker. Together with his prize in the march, strathspey and reel, Sergeant Walker collected enough points to win the Lorne Campbell of Airds VC trophy for the best army Pull remains

Full number Local sparts: 1. Pani Tweedley; 2. Gillian Campbell; 3. lain Macintyre. Judges: Ronald Morrison, Joe Henderson, Edward Clarke. Local strathspey and reet: 1. Gillian Campbell: 2. lain Macintyre: 3. William MacDonald (Benheculai, James Burnet. March A: 1. lain Speirs: 2. lan K. MacDonald; 3. Niali Matheson: 4. Douglas Murray: 5. Stuart Liddeli, Judges: P/M Ronald Lawrie, James Young, Finlay Machell. Strainspey and reel A: 1. lan K. MacDonald; 2. lain Speirs: 5. Scott Drummond: 4. Stuart Liddeli; 5. Roderick MacLeod. Judges: P/M Brian Donaldson.

Onaidson. Jurch B: 1. Pte Ian Finlayson; 2. raham Roy; 3. Neil Walker; 4. Peter unt, 5. Leille Hun, Judgest Ronald Jorrison, Joe Henderson, Edward

Straftspey and red B: 1, Mark Wemyss: 2, Neil Walker, 3, Yvonne MacKenzie: 4, James McHantle: 5, Pie ian Finisyson, Jadges: Andrew Wright, William MacDonald Benheculat Israe (Benbecula), James Burner. Jigs: 1, Set Gordon Walker, 2. Douglas Murray, 3, Alan Beyan. by lan K. MacDonald. The B- Allen, P/M Angus MacDonald.

Leicester St Aidan (Leicester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Edvin Loach (St Mary) w Tedstone Delamere, Tedstone Wafer, Upper Sapey, Wolferflow and Whitbourne

The Rev Robert Hutchings, NSM

Curate, Husbands Bosworth w. Mowsley and Knaptoft and Theddingworth (Leicester): 10 be NSM Assistant Priest to the Aerdelauser.

appointment

Senior naval

Admiral Sir John Brigstocke will become the Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Horse Command at a formal change of command ceremony onboard his flagship HMS Victory on September 19.

Admiral Brigstocke takes over from Admiral Sir Michael Boyce who is to become Commander-in-Chief Fleet at Northwood.

University news

The following have been promoted to the rank of professor from Dr Annie Anderson, Psychology Dr Anna Dominiczak, Medicine and Therapeutics Dr Alan Ervine, Civil Engineering

Dr Gwyn Gould, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Dr Barry Jones, Psychology Dr Mike MacMahon, English Language Or Patricia Monaghan, Environ-

mental and Evolutionary Biology Mr Michael Moss, Archives Dr Ronan Paddison, Geography and Topographic Science Mr R.F. Stalley. Philosophy Mr Mark Ward, Dean of the Faculty of Arts

Armourers & Brasiers

The Company of Armourers & with British Alean Aluminium for undergraduates studying Materials Science or Materials Engineering have been awarded to: Mr Andrew Hogwood, Oxford Mr Mark Moore, Manchester University and UMIST

Mr Ricky Short, Sheffield University Mr lain Galloway, Strathclyde University.

New judge

Mr Charles Bloom. QC, to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

Forthcoming marriages Mr I.A.J. Stoppani and Miss J.A. Bird

Mr D.M. Feldman

and Miss A.M. Hindhaugh The engagement is announced between David Martin, only son of Carol and Stanley Feldman, of Chelsea, London, and Anna Marie, eldest daughter of Sue and Jim Hindhaugh, of Bearsden,

Mr C.A.G. Forestier-Walker

and Miss N. Tinto
The engagement is announced between Charles Aidan Gwent, son of the late Mr Gwent Forestier-Valker and of Mrs Elizabeth Ann Forestier-Walker, of Clifford, Herefordshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald A.F. Timto, of Mallorca, Baleares. Mr W.R. Garrard

and Miss J.L. Rostron The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Garrard, of Bath, and Janey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Rostron, of Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire

Mr T.M.S. Hewitt and Miss V.L. Sale The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hewin, of Teddington, Middlesex, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Peter Salmon, of Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire. Mr LA Kunzig IV and Miss P.K. Baker The engagement is announced between Louis, son of Mr and Mrs

Louis Kunzig III. of Chalfont St Giles. Buckinghamshire, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Baker, of Knockhoh, Kent. Mr F.P.M. McCabe and Miss A.C. Lami The engagement is announced between Finhart, elder son of the

late Mr Stanislaus McCabe and of Mrs McCabe, of Dorney, Berkshire, and Arabella, only daughter of the late Mr William Lambourne and of Mrs Gaye Thorogood. of Clifford,

Mr S.L. McNeill-Ritchie and Miss ZT.S. Everest-Phillips The engagement is announced ween Simon, eldest son of Mrs Valerie Graham, stepson of Mr Keith Graham, of Port of Menteith, Perthshire, and Zoe, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Everest-Phillips, of mouth, Devon.

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Dr and Mrs Michael North, of Pinley Green, Warwickshire, and Al June, daughter of Mr and Mrs Teo Ek Hoon, of Singapore.

Mr P.J. North and Miss A.J. Teo

Mr O. Slot and Miss J. Mellstrom

The engagement is announced between Owen, elder son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Peter Slot, of Betriworth, Surrey, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Mellstrom, of Bramshott,

Mr M.C.N. Townend and Miss K.L. Pearce The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr Ian Townend and of Mrs Townend, of Goring, West Sussex, and Karenza, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Pearce, of Penn. Buckinghamshire.

Latest wills

William Henry Hargrave, of Spal-ding, Lincolnshire, left estate val-ued at £3,694,607 net. Henry Curtis, of Stanton Wick.

Pensford, Bristol, left estate valued at EI,498,864 net. Patrick Newey Dodsworth, of Sideot, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,119,396 net.

Winifred Joan Fearnside, of Shurlock Row, Reading, Berk-

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Seek good and not evil, that you may live, that the Lord, the God of Rosts, may be with you as you claim he is. with you as you Amos 5 : 14

BETSCHART - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Michaela and Stefan, a beautiful daughter lack Variant

Appendix of the second 9th at St Thomas' Hospital

London, to Micola and CAITH - On 5 premier 5th a Sarah (nee Manhood) and Dovid, dangton, Machine Helana Alica

COLEBROOK-TAYLOR - On September 9th 1997 at 4.55am, to Amanda (nés Smith) and Jerewy, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Jane - 8lbs 3es, a

COWEY - On 29th August 1997, to Jane and Colin, a daughter, Madeleine Eleanor, a sister for William. CURTRE - On 9th September 1997 at the Chelses and

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The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 6, at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Salisbury, of Mr Angus Craigie, elder son of Lieutenani Colonel and Mrs Andrew Craigie, of Salisbury, and Miss Caroline Farey, daughter of Lieutenam Colonel and Mrs Robin Farey, of Winchester. The Right Rev Bis John Cavell, grandfather of the bridegroom, officiated. Mr J.D. Duckworth

and Miss C.E.F. Fordham The marriage took place on Saturday, August 30, 1997, in Pembrokeshire at St Mary's Church, Carew Cheriton, between Mr Jeremy Duckworth and Miss Kitty Fordham, followed by a reception at Cresselly House. Major N.J. Mercer. and Miss D.A. Holiston

The marriage took place on Thursday, September II. In the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, of Major Nicholas Mercer, elder son of Mr and Mrs Terence Mercer, of Markington, North Yorkshire, to Miss Dawn Aurora Holliman. elder daughter of the Venerabl Archdescon J.L. and Mrs Holliman, of Tidworth, Wilshire The Right Rev John Kirkham, MA. Bishop to Her Majesty's Forces, officiated. The bride, who was given in

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Burgess Meredith, American

actor, died in Malibu, California. on September 9 aged

89. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 16, 1907.

Although his first love was the

theatre, he worked regularly in radio

and television and made more than

As a young man Meredith played

headstrong romantic heroes and comic leading men with equal convic-

tion, but his real strength was in support, where his idiosyncratic fea-

tures and gravelly voice lent depth to

even the smallest character part.

Some of his best performances were

in the last two decades of his life. Much of the acting work he did can

scarcely have taxed his rare abilities

- he may well be best remembered

for his outrageous cameo as the

Penguin, arch-villain (arch in every

sense) in the 1960s Batman series.

But he seemed not to mind. "If I spent

all my time in Shakespearean com-

panies and only did art movies, my position might be more dignified and

serious. I might even be a better actor," he once said. "But this is

America, and I'm a man moved by

the rhythms of his time, so I'll just

take amusement at being a paradox."

Cleveland doctor. His parents sepa-

rated when he was four, and when he

was eight his mother took him to live

in New York, where he displayed

talent as a boy soprano and won a

scholarship to a Roman Catholic

choir school. From there he went to

His first taste of the stage came

when he took the title role in Peter

Pan at school when he was ten; but,

like several other actors of his era, he

planned to be a writer when he grew

up. As a vouth, he worked for a time

on the Stamford Advocate, and then

turned his hand to a number of other

iobs in New York. Finally he ap-

proached Eva Le Gallienne, who was

organising the Civic Repertory The-

atre, and asked for a trial. She

His first speaking part was as Peter, the servant to Juliet's nurse in

Romeo and Juliet. He remained with

the company until 1933, when he

scored an instant success as Red

Barry, an inmate of a reform school,

Soon afterwards he appeared as

Mio, hero of the stirring blank-verse

play Winterset, written for him by

Maxwell Anderson and based on the

accepted him at once.

in *Little Ol' Boy*.

Amherst College in Massachusetts.

Burgess Meredith was the son of a

170 films. He was also active as a director and film producer.

urgess Meredith was a ver-

satile and popular performer whose career spanned more than half a century.

BURGESS MEREDITH





Sacco and Vanzetti anarchist case which had gripped America shortly before. In 1936, when RKO decided to film this sombre but arresting drama, about a young man trying to find out who committed the murder for which his father had wrongly been executed, Meredith went out to Hollywood for the first time. The role in which he made his film debut was to remain a favourite with him.

Hollywood at once accepted him as a young actor gifted with considerable versatility, and he found himself cast in a wide variety of films, from filmsy comedies such as There Goes the Groom (1937) and Spring Madness (1936), to the pretentious eve-ofwar confection Idiot's Delight (1939) and the altogether more substantial Of Mice and Men (1939). The latter, Lewis Milestone's powerful film of John Steinbeck's novel, drew from Meredith one of his most moving and

considered performances, as the itinerant ranch hand George, struggling to care for Lon Chaney Jr's slowwitted giant Lenny Small.

He served as a captain in the US Army Air Corps during the war, but in 1944 he was released to play the war correspondent Ernie Pyle (to whom he bore a remarkable resemblance) in The Story of GI Joe. After the war he co-produced a comedy. On Our Merry Way (1948), with a cast that included Henry Fonda and James Stewart, and directed a thriller. The Man on the Eiffel Tower (1949), in which he started alongside Charles Laughton.

Meredith's relationship with Hollywood was not always an easy one, however. Casting directors sometimes seemed unsure whether to treat him as a leading man or a character player, and there were several periods when work was not forthcoming. In the 1950s he found himself blacklisted for his left-wing political views; he was later to win an Emmy for his impassioned performance in a 1977 documentary-drama about those years, playing Joseph Welch, the Boston lawyer who belped to put an end to Senator Joseph McCarthy's

anti-communist campaign.

Meredith never much cared for
Hollywood, and had no great affec-tion for the cinema. Unlike many of his contemporaries, he refused in later life to look back with nostalgia on some mythical golden age of movie-making. "In the old days," he once said, "there were five men who ran the whole industry, who could make or break your career"; modern Hollywood, he thought, was an altogether saner place.

The theatre was his true love, and he was happiest when either acting or directing for the stage. He had a lively and experimental approach to both functions, and was always a great admirer of Orson Welles, to whose Falstaff he had played Prince Hal on stage before the war. During the 1950s he was seen both as actor and director in New York, London and Paris, but he was also seen fairly frequently in films.

He did a great deal of television work, too, not all of it commensurate with his talents, and his distinctive. resonant voice was regularly heard in commercials extolling the virtues of anything from United Airlines to Sloppy Peanut Butter.

He found one of his most enjoyable and enduring television roles in the 1960s Batman series, a tongue-in cheek camp classic which quickly won a cult following and continues to be shown around the world today. The series made a feature of its celebrity crooks, with Eartha Kitt (Catwoman) and Caesar Romero (the Joker) among those going gloriously over the top as the Caped Crusader's criminal foes: Meredith's dastardly Penguin, manically waddling and quacking in top hat and tails, was a memorable creation. Age enhanced Meredith's appeal

as a character actor, etching more deeply his quirky, careworn features and adding an ounce or two more gravel to his grumbling voice. His film career received new imperus in the mid-1970s. He was nominated (for the first time, but without success) for an Academy Award for his performance in Day of the Locust in 1975, and again the following year for his role as the cantankerous trainer of a rising boxer in the film Rocky, where he added welcome emotional depth to what was essentially a vehicle for Sylvester Stallone. He went on to appear in the various successful Rocky sequels. The endearing gruffness which he had brought to his portrayal of Rocky's trainer found another outlet when he played Jack Lemmon's father in Grumpy Old Men (1993) and its sequel Grumpier Old Men (1995).

A man of wide interests and considerable intellectual range, Meredith was throughout his career an active campaigner on social and environmental issues. He was also a wine expert and enthusiastic amateur chef. In 1994 he published a volume of memoirs, So Far, So Good. Burgess Meredith was four times

married (his third wife was the actress Paulette Goddard, with whom he appeared in a number of films and who was once married to Charlie Chaplin). He is survived by his fourth wife, the dancer Kaja Sundsten, and by a son and daughter.

FRANK GOLDSWORTHY

Frank Goldsworthy. journalist, died on August 31 aged 85. He was born on January 5, 1912.

LIFE as a reporter and foreign correspondent in the heyday of the Daily Express - when it was selling more than four million copies a day in the two decades after the war — was as unpredictable and exciting as anything from the pages of Evelyn Waugh's Scoop.

The paper boasted that its extensive foreign coverage cost £20 a line (equivalent to nearly £400 today). Television was still a small flickering black-and-white screen, and even middle-market newspapers (none of them then tabloids) specialised in firsthand dispatches from world troublespots - Tonight I lie in Castro's jail" was one of the most famous of Express intros.

Frank Goldsworthy, who joined the Daily Express at the age of 23 and spent 42 years on the paper, interrupted only by five wartime years in the Royal Navy, soon became a veteran globetrotter.

During the Korean War in 1950 he became one of the more unlikely foreign correspondents to receive a byline in The Times, when the paper's Ian Morrison (with whom Goldsworthy had had dinner only two days before) was killed with The Daily Telegraph's Christopher Buckley when their Jeep ran over a landmine. Because of the tragedy, Goldsworthy's cables were made available to The Times, which in its gentlemanly way prefaced his story: The following despatch was received from Mr Frank Goldsworthy of the Daily Express." The "Mr" occa-sioned much leg-pulling from less respectful colleagues back in the Express.

Frank Goldsworthy, who was born in Darlington. started his journalistic career on his hometown Evening Despatch at £1 a week in 1929. where a fellow cub reporter on the sister Northern Echo was Ted (now Sir Edward) Pickering, who was later to be Goldsworthy's Editor on the Daily Express. Both recalled how "accuracy, first, last and



always" was drilled into them by fierce chief reporters.

In later years, when he became the Express's High Court reporter (and president of the High Court Journalists' Association), Goldsworthy's reliable shorthand skills were called upon by several judges. who did not want to wait until the official court transcript was ready, to find out exactly what had been said an hour or two previously.

As a reporter, Goldsworthy could doorstep a rejuctant interviewee and was formidably persistent but always polite. In May 1947, Dr Robert George Clements of Southport managed to get away with killing three of his wives before killing his fourth and then himself, after a woman. Mrs M, had tipped off the police about her suspicions. Frank Goldsworthy was the only reporter to get an interview with Mrs M. "Do you know, Frank, why you were the only one i let into my house? You were the only one who ever closed our garden gate," she later told him. Shortly before he died,

Goldsworthy had the satisfaction of seeing the publication of his long-delayed autobiography Want You Soonest . . . Memoirs of a War Reporter.

Goldsworthy was prede-ceased by his wife Peggy. There were no children. After his wife's death, he shared his last five years with June Welch, whom he had met in Naval Intelligence in Gibraltar during the war.

In 1983 she returned to this

country to take up the appoint-

ment as head of children's

television at Thames. She felt

that television as an instru-

ment capable of improving

MARJORIE SIGLEY

Marjoric Sigley, Controller of Children's Programmes, Thames Television, 1983-86, died of caucer on August 13 aged 68. She was born on December 22, 1928.

A WOMAN passionately committed to the idea that drama is an unrivalled force for expanding and educating the minds of the young, Marjorie Sigley had talents which branched out in every direc-

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tion. Before taking up her post at Thames Television, she had wide experience of writing, directing and devising dra-matic material, both for the stage and the screen. Her reputation was international and her work was respected particularly in America. But at the height of the Cold War she had also taken children's theatre behind the Iron Curtain, notably to Czechoslovakia but also to other Soviet bloc countries.

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For her, children's theatre was not simply a matter of "theatre for children". She believed that the process of participating in dramatic creation was an antidote to the pressures of formal education. In classes and workshops in schools, theatres and on tele-vision, she encouraged children to shape and control their own material. For her, it was all a part of their becoming aware of themselves and their environment, and integral to

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responsible citizens. Majorie Sigley grew up in Buxton, Derbyshire, where her interest in drama was

fired from an early age by visits to the repertory theatre there. At Goldsmiths' College, London, she studied drama, dance and music, before returning North to take up a fellowship in drama at Manchester University. It was there that she became involved in theatre workshops

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and participation theatre, taking groups of her students to the Brighton Festival with their work. She was later to direct the Malcolm Williamson opera Julius Caesar Jones as part of the festival's opera workshops.

She returned to London to a teaching career, which she combined with her drama activities. At Markfield School she began by adapting stage classics for performance by young children and, in 1960, she founded the City Literary Drama Company. This presented its own work, ranging from original pantomimes to experimental mime and movement workshops at the City Lit Theatre. In 1968 the company visited Warsaw, Leningrad and Moscow with its children's drama programmes.

In the meantime she was also writing and directing at the Mermaid Theatre, notably a stage version of Erich Kästner's Emil and the Detectives. She had two spells, 1962 and 1968-69, at the Habimah National Theatre of Israel and in 1964 did a Youth Theatre tour of Czechoslovakia.

She had also taken the step into television in 1964 when she was invited to demonstrate what children's drama could achieve in a late-nìght ABC programme. Her contribution, which graphically demonstrated how the potentially destructive energies of teenage boys in a London suburb could be channelled creatively, made a profound impression. She was busy in television thereafter, one of



her most striking contributions being Wonderworld, two 13-part series in which children in the 5-6 and 15-16 age groups, dramatised and acted stories from the Bible.

From 1966 onwards her Young People's Theatre Project was training primary school teachers in her methods and in 1969 she was director of the Royal Shakespeare Company's workshop series at the Roundhouse. In 1968, her work profound-

ly impressed the American actress Uta Hagen, who saw her in action at the Roundhouse. As a result of this she was invited to New York. where she founded the New York City Young People's Theatre, which she directed from 1969 to 1975. During this period she wrote and directed most of its 45 productions. She remained in the United States for several years more, founding and running her own company, Sigley's Young Peo-

ple's Theatre in New York in 1976, before moving to Los

Angeles the following year to

write a screenplay.

children's awareness of themselves and their environment through drama had not im-proved in Britain since her active days in the medium in the 1960s. She deplored the exaltation of confrontation and violence in programmes that children regularly watched, and hated what she saw as a gleeful harping on the faults of society. She also felt that television for children had become much less intelligent. Nevertheless, at Thames she set to work with her usual

enthusiasm and energy to try to improve things, and was able to bring some highly stimulating work to the screen. Among this was the series The Wall Game, which had classes of schoolchildren involved in constructional building and improvisation. The series was chosen to represent Britain at the 1985 Tokyo World Fair. The T-Bag was set round a wicked witch and a small boy who assists her, while Cab was a mystery detection series for 8 to 11-year-

After leaving Thames she maintained both her live drama and television work. Even after cancer was diagnosed several years ago she had continued to produce both books and ideas for television. Marjorie Sigley never married.

FRANCE.

The King and Queen are never permitted either night or day to speak together, but in the presence of one of the Municipal Officers, who when they walk, goes between them; when they eat, he sits between them; and at night they sleep in different rooms. In each of these are always four guards, who to avoid being seduced are changed every half hour. As the new guard has orders to see themselves that the King or Queen are in their beds, on entering their rooms, they always ask Monsieur Louis, Madame Antoinette, étes vous dans votre lit? They ask this question until the King and Queen answer, - Yes. The victuals given to the King and Royal Family is worse than that of any of their guards . . . They drink the same wine as their guards. The linen ordered by the Municipality for these Royal personages are six coarse shirts or shifts. A new national great-coat has been made for the King, which with that he had on order to augment the miserable situa-

ON THIS DAY

September 12, 1792

This account of atrocities during the Reign of Terror was given by a man who escaped from Paris disguised as the English maid of Mrs R-, whose own servant had been assassinated.

but the rest of the Royal Family have only one change of cloaths [sic]. The National Guards smoke their pipes, and eat and drink in their prisoners' apartments, as if no one was there; and their conversation is particularly ordered to be directed to the arrest; the death of the King's friends; - the reports of the defeat of the Austrians; insurrections; - desertions in their armes, and other such false rumours. in the day he was arrested, is all he has: tion of the Royal Family. The people

were butchering all the Emigrants' families and servants when this gentleman left Paris, and very few of the Swiss nation, or Frenchmen of the Club des Feuillants, Club Monarchique, &c. have escaped the common slaughter. The debtors released by the mob denounced their creditors as Aristocrates; placed themselves at the head of different bands of Brigands, and whole families perished for no other crime than having lent money to people that would not pay them again; and since the 10th of August many hundreds have had themselves arrested for debt, because they knew the mob would soon release them ... The hands of the old Cardinal de la Rochefaucauld were bound, and the mob ordered him to acknowledge that during his whole life he had never believed in God, but had been a hypocrite. He made no answer. The mob then said, if you believe in God, we give him, the Virgin Mary, or her bastard John, five minutes to release you; and so saying, they cut him in pieces . . .



IRA threatens peace talks

■ The IRA threw the peace process into turmoil by disavowing the so-called Mitchell principles of democracy and nonviolence to which its political wing. Sinn Fein, had solemnly committed itself on Tuesday.

It also ruled out any disarmament during the the peace negotiations due to begin on Monday and rejected the principle of consent whereby a majority would have to approve any constitutional change.....

Gas bills drop for early payers

■ British Gas is to cut bills for prompt payers by up to £50 a year from January as competition within the industry intensifies. But customers who pay in advance through meters will receive no benefit. Centrica said that it had been able to cut prices because of lower costs ...

Kenya tourist raid

A bus carrying British tourists had to escape from a Kenyan heach after a band of armed raiders launched an attack. One Kenyan was killed and two were

Alimony on toast

A glamorous wife who has been the toast of New York is demanding that the divorce court makes sure she has the money to make ...Page 3

Arms dealer trial

A British arms dealer charged with the capital offence of "waging war against India" was given a trial date after spending nearly two years in jail

Charity fears

A charity whose patron is the Duke of Edinburgh said that the flood of public donations to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund would do "deep and lasting" damage to other charities by diverting money away Page 6

Right teamwork

Football clubs should follow big business and use psychological profiling to ensure that they get the right man, the British Association was toldPage 7

Eagle's delight

Angela Eagle, the junior minister who has come out as a lesbian, said that she had been delighted by the "incredibly positive" response to her decision Page 8

Pacific patrol

Gail Cox, a Kent policewoman, is swapping her squad car for the Pacific island of Pitcairn... Page 9

Race-hate sentence

The publisher of a "vile and evil" neo-Nazi magazine, which sparked race-hate campaigns against Frank Bruno's mother and Paddy Ashdown, was jailed for 21 months

Terrorism dilemma

Yitzhak Rabin's widow has challenged Israel's policy of blaming Yassir Arafat for Islamic terrorism, saying that Jews were once terrorists and the British could not stop them....

Basic ethics training

The American Army, beset with sex scandais, responded by extending basic training to teach recruits ethics and values. It also sent letters of reprimand, ending their careers, to a major-general and other senior officers. Page 12

Basic word training

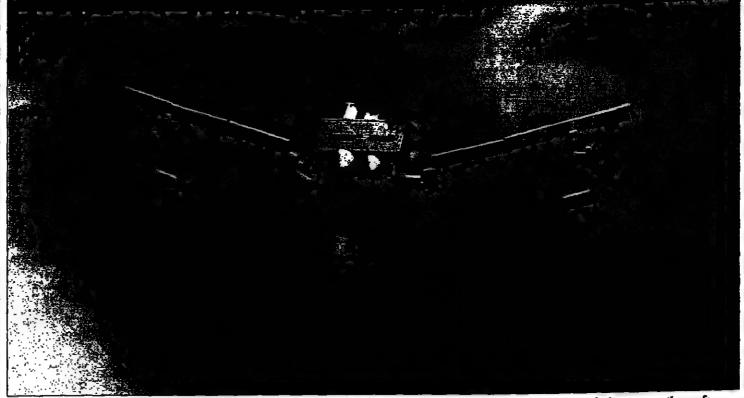
Russia's parliament is planning to reintroduce Soviet-era legislation to ban swearwords from being spoken or published, in an effort to clean up the Russian language...

Mir inquiry

President Yeltsin demanded a full inquiry into the series of accidents and malfunctions aboard the Mir space station over the past three months.

Made to make your wallet water

Opal Fruits; the sweets that are "made to make your mouth water", have fallen victim to globalisation and are to be renamed as Starburst, the brand they are sold under in the US. Mars was somewhat coy about its plans but admitted that from November it would be introducing the Starburst name via "an on-pack flash" alongside the existing name.....



An artist's impression of the Mars Global Surveyor as it orbited 235 miles above the planet yesterday during a mission to map the surface

BUSINESS.

Digital delay: Consumer electronics manufacturers have expressed concern that delays in placing orders for television set-top boxes could affect the launch of digital terrestrial television Page 23

Base rate held: The Bank of England's monetary policy committee passed up the opportunity to raise rates for the first time since it took control of interest rate policy in

BAs surprise: British Aerospace must repay more than £300 million of Government loans before the year 2000. The loans helped fund new aircraft launches Page 23

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 50.4 to 4,854.8. Sterling fell to 99.7 from 99.9, rising to \$1.5880 but falling 1.32 pf to DM2.8449 Page 26

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Football: England's progress to the top of their World Cup qualifying group is vindication of the unflappable stance Glenn Hoddle has taken since the defeat by Italy at Wembley. . Page 44

Cricket: Glamorgan maintained their pursuit of Kent, the Britannic Assurance Championship leaders, by forcing Essex to follow on at Cardiff ...

Rugby union: Clive Woodward is to be confirmed as England's coach in succession to Jack Rowell after Bath agreed to his release from a verbal agreement.. Page 44 Golf: Severiano Ballesteros produced his best round of the season to share the lead after the first round of the Lancôme Trophy with Page 42 Peter O'Malley

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de Bergerac in the Royal Shakespeare Company's new prod-... Page 31 Young critics: The Times prints the best three entries in its Young Crit-

a "heroically anti-heroic" Cyrano

ics Competition, held this week at the Junior Prom ...

Pop on Friday: Mariah Carey takes to her bed to be interviewed; Ocean Colour Scene bring out a fine alburn; and Caitlin Moran wishes certain pop stars had kept their mouths shut during the events of last weekend

TOMORROW

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METRO The new 52-page guide to what's on in your region featuring an interview with Blur

TELEVISION Vision, the new, standalone, 32-page guide to the week's television and all national radio

FEATURES

Royal funeral: The funeral of Diana. Princess of Wales, brought back poignant memories for Lady Mountbatten, "It took me six months of misery and then a year to be relatively normal and two years to be as back to normal as life is going to be".....

Short and saxy: The mini is back in red and black - just in time for

FASHON

winter. Grace Bradberry picks three of the best.... EDUCATION

Student fees: Paying for tuition may be no guarantee that universities will gain more resources, argues John O'Leary......Page 35 Making a difference: Michael Barber challenges claims by a report that improvement in standards is .Page 25

THE PAPERS

Accumulating elected offices is one of France's most singular characteristics and among the worst faults of the French political system. Northern European countries eschew this practice and in neither Italy nor Spain do individuals hold so many different elected posts as in France, where one man, Alain Juppé, was recently allowed to be simultaneously head of the Gov ernment, mayor of a large city and chief of the majority party

MADIO & TV

Review: Matthew Bond welcomes the resumption of normal "life" in Casualty (BBC1). Taggan (ITV) and Equinox (C4) Preview: The Practice, new legal drama (ITV, 9.00pm) Pages 42. 43

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Diana's day

Diana should be commemorated in time as well as space. One of the best proposals is that of creating a. new Bank Holiday or perhaps renaming an existing one Page 19

The mine treaty

Spy satellites and drones could monitor frontiers, and air-blast bombs could be as deadly a deterrent. But a comprehensive landmine ban would not end the killing of non-combatants _____ Page 19

Sickly sweet

Mars pic was founded 65 years ago but its marketing men have chosen to act more like impetuous teenagers than pensioners. Are these people off their wrappers? __Page 19

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MATTHEW PARRIS

It was within seconds of Archie shouting "crevassel" that the new fall of snow under my feet suddenly gave way. My foot went through. As I tried to right myself, the other foot went through. Now I was up to my chest and the snow under my. arms was crumbling in Page 18 JOHN LLOYD

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Print :

Russia - weak, poor, uneasily at: peace, neither collapsing nor surging ahead - makes little news now. Its political divisions have resumed a Byzantine pattern: men of power struggle viciously in and around the Kremlin for advantage, apparently indifferent to the popular Page 18 welfare.

PHILIP HOWARD

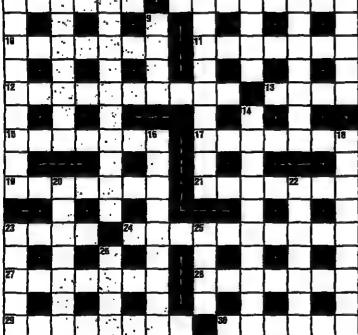
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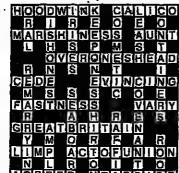
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E, Cent N, NE England: Rain at first brighter later with surmy spells and isolated showers. Brisk SW wind. Max 17C (63F).

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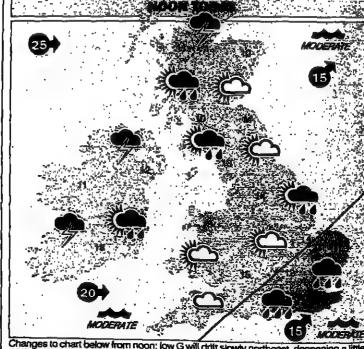
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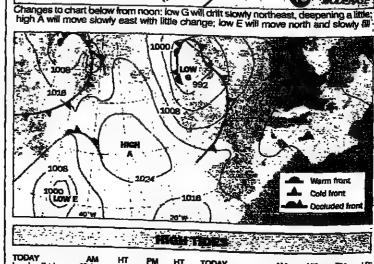
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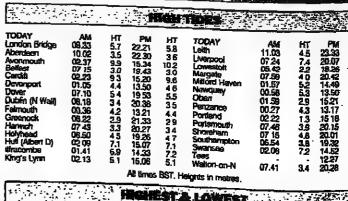
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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12 1997

Failure to order TV decoders could hit digital launch

BTR to halve group

with £3bn sell-off

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

CONSUMER electronics manufacturers have expressed concern that delays in placing orders for television set-top boxes could affect the launch of digital terrestrial tele-

vision in the UK. Digital terrestrial TV (DTT) will offer viewers the chance to have as many as 40 new relevision channels with a conventional TV aerial.

Centrica

'on track'

despite

heavy

losses

By Alasdair Murray

CENTRICA yesterday

claimed its business was

"on track" despite unveil-

ing huge losses in its mald-

year, recorded a half-year

pre-tax loss of £149 million, compared with a profit of

£196 million last year. But Roy Gardner, chief

executive, said that Centrica had made great

strides towards resolving problems it inherited from

British Gas. The company

also revealed it would be

cutting gas bills by about 9

The price cuts, which will come largely from a reduc-

tion in transport costs, are

expected to be matched by

Centrica's main rivals as competition hots up.

Mr Gardner said

Centrica had made

substanial improvements"

to the level of customer

service, which had plagued

the company during the

reduced its exposure to

take-or-pay contracts, which tied Centrica into

buying overpriced gas, by

about 50 per ceut since

demerger. Mr Gardner

added he was confident of

unveiling a deal with an electricity generator and would be the first energy

group to provide a nation-

Operating profits de-

clined 50 per cent to £89

million, mainly because of

warm weather cutting gas

consumption. Exceptional

charges totalled £252 mil-

lion including £192 million

from the windfall tax pay-

ment, £40 million from the

renegotiation of take-or-

pay contracts and £20 mil-

lion redundancy costs.

There is no dividend.

"one-stop" energy

The company has also

past few years.

shop next year.

en set of interim results. The company, which was spun out of British Gas this

although a digital set-top decoder will be necessary.

The main commercial DTT ||cences were awarded in June to British Digital Broadcasting, a partnership between Carlton and Granada, the two largest commercial broadcasters,

The Independent Television Commission, the industry regulator, hopes to grant BDB its licences by the end of this month. Under the rules, BDB then has to launch its

By Jason Nisse

BTR launched a £3 billion

sell-off programme yes-

terday to slim down the giant

industrial conglomerate to a

core of engineering busi-

nesses, haiving the size of the group inherited by Ian

Strachan when he became

The group — which recently

bowed to City pressure and

Eilledge, with Bob Bauman,

the former chairman of

Smithkline Beecham - also

flagged the prospect of giving back to shareholders a large

BTR has sold businesses

with turnover of \$2 billion in

to £2.4 billion, and still has

businesses with sales of £300

million to dispose of under the

programme it announced a

The group plans to complete

the new round of sell-offs by

the end of next year. Mir

Strachan said the amount to

be returned to shareholders

depends on how much was

received from the disposals.

their timing and the prospects

of investing in the business it

retains. Once the sell-offs are

completed, BTR is expected to

move from the diversified

industrials section on the stock

market, where it has been

since the 1970s, to engineering.

on critics of Kathleen O'Don-

ovan, the group's 39-year-old finance director. Many institu-

tional investors have called for

her to stand down, claiming

that she did not have a strong

grasp of strategy. "Kathleen is

a highly valued member of my

management team and I hope

she will continue to remain

The companies to be sold

had sales of £2.8 billion last

year and include the packag-

ing side, which delivered most

of the growth seen by BTR in

the early 1990s, building mate-

rials and the polymer busi-

nesses, which formed the core

of the group Sir Owen Green

turned into an international

so," he said.

Mr Strachan also rounded

part of the money raised.

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epiaced its chairman, Elwyn

chief executive last year.

service within 12 months. However, some manufacturers are concerned they have so far received no specifications from BDB and no orders have yet been placed.

Pace Micro Technology, the UK decoder manufacturer whose shares have been hit by slower than expected digital television equipment orders from around the world, has, it is believed, warned BDB that specifications are ungently needed if it is to produce anything but the

simplest decoders within the nlanned timescale. Steve Barnes, sales and marketing director of Pace, said yesterday;

"All of us need to make decisions quickly in order to meet market Pace will today produce its milflonth digital decoder, but there is often a considerable lead time for

new designs. In the next three weeks, the company will start delivering digital decoders to Canal

decoders are not expected to be ready until Christmas. The sense of urgency is caused by the fact that the pre-Christmas market is the best time to sell new consumer products.

placed 13 months ago.

The first microchips for the DTT

BDB said yesterday that it would be issuing specifications to manufacturers in the near future, but declined to say when that would be. The company said it was confident it

was still looking at "the second half of next year" for the launch of DTT. There is also concern about the initial price of the equipment, If first orders are small and include high levels of interactivity, the initial

retail cost could be as much as £540. BDB has made clear that it wants sets to cost only £200 to £300, so compromises may have to be made on specifications if the level of subsidy is not to become unacceptably high.

BUSINESS TODAY

STERLING

Brent 15-day (Nov) \$18.85 (\$18.45)

London close \$322.25 (\$321.25) denotes middey trading price

The decision to stop produc-

ton Securities, its property operation, may be spun-off or floated.

BAe must

honour £360m

state debt by 2000

By Adam Jones

BRITISH AEROSPACE must repay £360 million to the Government by 2000, it emerged yesterday. The loans were made to fund the launch of new aircraft by Airbus, the European consortium in which BAe is a partner. Called "launch aid", the

loans funded the start-up of the Airbus A320 and A330/A340 planes. The interest rates have not been disclosed although they are above base rates. The repayment of the loans will mask the growing profitability of Airbus and affect BAe's carnings in 1998 and 1999.

relating to the A320 only, last year. The repayment is expected to be about £60 million this year, is expected to reach up to £140 million next year, peak at up to £160 million in 1999, before subsiding to about £60 million in 2000.

BAe said the increases followed a repayment schedule set down when the financing was obtained. A new launch aid application has been made for the A340-600 airliner.

BAe shares fell 45p to £15.10½ yesterday even though the company reported a 29 per cent rise in profits to £278 million before tax and exceptional items for the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises 25 per cent to 7.82p a share.

tion of Jetstream aircraft led to an anticipated one-off charge of £250 million, leaving a postexceptional 670 million loss before tax.

At the end of the six months, BAe had a closing order book of £19.5 billion. Defence orders accounted for £12.1 billion of this record figure. Airbus Industrie's order book is worth \$56 billion.

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John Lewis profits advance

SHUTTING John Lewis department stores until 2pm last Saturday for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales brought a 9.3 per cent drop in weekly sales, the group said yesterday (Sarah Cunningham

Department store sales were less than £28 million last week. against more than E30 million in the same week last year. John Lewis was one of many retail groups to remain shut on the morning of the funeral. However, sales at Waitrose, the group's supermarkets, jumped on the Friday.

The department stores' sales fall bucked the recent trend at John Lewis, Group sales rose 7 per cent in the first six months of the year, with pre-tax profits rising 21 per cent. Department store sales rose II per cent, while trading at the Waitrose supermarket chain, which had to cope with food price deflation, was up 5 per cent.

The interim figures bode well for staff bonuses. The group has set aside £63.3 million — 25 per cent more than a year ago - for possible profit-sharing. The level of bonuses will be announced with the full-Tempus, page 26 | year results in March.

Energis polishes pre-float profile

conglomerate in the 1970s and

1980s. Among the brands to go are Formica, which BTR

bought only two years ago; Nylex, the Australian busi-

ness: and most of the remain-

ing Dunlop operations, the

original Birmingham Tyre &

BTR's recent disposals have

commanded prices equal to

around 80 per cent of sales but

Mr Strachan expects to receive at least 100 per cent for the new wave of sell-offs. The

jewel in the crown is packag-

ing, which makes nearly all

the glass bottles for the Aus-

tralian wine industry. Ana-

lysts expect this business to be

The announcement of the

worth as much as £2 billion.

disposals lifted BTR shares

15p to 234p, despite a disap-

Rubber company.

BY ERIC REGULY

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ENERGIS, the telecoms arm of the National Grid, is to launch a El millionplus marketing campaign to raise its profile before its expected flotation.

Analysts said that the initial public offering could value Energis at El billion or more. The Grid has not officially decided to proceed with the Energis sale, though Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the Grid's financial adviser, is working on the before the end of the year.

The Grid created Europe's most modern telecoms system by slinging 4,700kms of fibre-optic cable underneath its electricity pylons in 19 months, at a cost of only £337 million. The cable companies, by contrast, have spent billions of pounds on

systems that are only half built. The Grid is under pressure to extract value from the Energis investment, which, including operating losses, has

Energis's value has not been reflected in the Grid's share price. The Grid wants to sell no more than 49 per cent of Energis. Irene Cackett, Energis's marketing director, said: "The purpose of the campaign is to build Energis's brand and market presence." The initial round of advertising will be carried in national

newspapers at the weekend.

By Alasdair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT THE Bank of England's monetary policy committee has passed up the opportunity to raise rates for the first time since it took

control of interest rate policy in May.

foreign income dividend on

out that many of the business-

es that will make up the core of

BTR after restructuring per-formed poorly in the six months. The automotive

The City was quick to point

November 28.

After four consecutive monthly rises, the committee issued a brief statement at the conclusion of its monthly meeting to say it would leave rates unchanged at 7 per cent. But the decision, which had been widely

expected, prompted little joy in the markets. The stock market, which was again weighed down by losses on the Far East exchanges and on Wall Street, slumped to its fourth consecutive loss. The FTSE 100 closed down 50.4 points at 4,854.8. It has lost 2.8 per cent this week. The Dow Jones industrial average had fallen 89.66 to 7,629.62 by lunchtime in New York.

group suffered a 1 per cent fall

sharp fall in Australian car

production, and the power

drives business only enjoyed a

l per cent increase in carnings.

ures, they are all pretty wretched," said Charles Pick,

diversified industrials analyst

at Panmure Gordon, the bro-

kers. "There is not that nmuch

evidence that BTR has achieved the change of culture

Mr Strachan admitted that

margins, which stood at 19 per

cent when he took over, would

be under pressure at the

group, but said this was a

factor of investing in high-

growth areas like automotive

sealants and control systems.

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that Strachan promised."

"Look at the divisional fig-

n profits largely because of a

The pound also edged lower, touching a three-month low during trading. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed down

Interest rates pegged at 7% 0.2 at 99.7 while the pound finished more than a mark lower at DM2.8449. Economists broadly welcomed the de-

cision, pointing to recent data that indicates the economy may be slowing. David Kern, chief economist of NatWest Group, said that it was important to avoid policy "overkill" and to limit further rises. He said a further quarterpoint rise would probably be necessary meeting will be published on October 15.

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Ian Strachan, chief executive of BTR, where disposals will reduce the group to core engineering businesses

STRACHAN'S BOOT SALE AT BTR

ures. Taxable profits fell by

£86 million, to £540 million,

though half of this fall was

caused by movements in ex-

change rates. Earnings per

share fell to 9. In against 10.7p.

and the dividend is un-

changed at 4p, payable as a

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Arjo Wiggins shows benefits of shake-up

ARIO WIGGINS APPLETON, the Anglo-French paper group, yesterday reported a sharp jump in first-half profits as the effects of its restructuring began to kick in. Pre-tax profits improved from £32.3 million to £106.3 million, although turn-

over was 11.6 per cent lower at £1.64 billion as a result of the

impact of sterling. The results compare with a particularly poor first half in 1996, a period the company described as the

worst since it was demerged from BAT Industries in 1990. The worst since it was demerged from BAT Industries in 1990. The results were boosted by lower pulp costs and improved market conditions. The biggest turnaround came in European manufacturing where operating profits recovered to £39.8 million from a lose of £6.2 million.

The carbonless and thermal papers business made a modest

trading profit in contrast to sharp losses this time last year. The

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TRADE UNION leaders gave warning yesterday of a conagainst the Government's plans to bring in new laws requiring companies to recog-

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Launching a campaign aimed at winning public sup-port for the Government's proposals, which would make it unlawful for companies to refuse to recognise unions for collective hargaining where a majority of the workforce wants it, union leaders predicted a fierce anti campaign by business.

Speaking at the close of the annual congress. John Monks, the General Secretary, said of the Government's commitment to recognition: There are powerful forces that will be arguing against it and trying to blow them off course. They will say that it is too bureaucratic, or that it is unnecessary - that there are more important things to do. or that it will hit business. Above all they will say it's a favour to the unions -- some kind of post-election payback", rather than a "modest and entirely fair extension of citi-

zenship to the workplace".

John Monks, left, TUC General Secretary, with Padraig Flynn, European Commissioner for Social Affairs, who addressed conference yesterday

opposition to recognition being mounted by bodies such as the Institute of Directors. Ruth Lea, the IoD's policy head, insisted yesterday that the right of companies to make a choice over unionisation should be maintained, and said that "any appeal to the Mr Monks cited the strong democratic rights of employ-

ees should be dismissed as quite irrelevant".

in advance of the publication next year of a Government White Paper on fairness at work, which will include plans for legislation on recognition, the TUC, at the suggestion of the Prime Minister, is

trying to narrow the differences over the issue, though neither side is optimistic of reaching full agreement.

But yesterday the TUC launched a campaign to support Labour's plans, which union leaders said would be a central feature of their work

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE Trades Union Congress

General Secretary of the T&G transport union, said: "Our message is to ensure that Labour's proposals are seen as right, are seen as fair, and are seen as democratic."

Though the TUC emphasised its commitment to working in partnership with good

Power sales to go ahead

tacked non-union companies in Britain, many of which were "nasty and brutish". The conference ended with a

video on non-union firms. which used hidden camera footage to show allegedly poor conditions in a West Midlands

key factor was the £120 million restructuring announced in November 1995. The full benefits will not be felt until next year when Arjo is looking for £50 million of cost savings. The improved ved performance is expected to reduce pressure on the group to seek a merger partner as a solution to its problems. The dividend, to be paid on November 18 as a foreign income dividend. is unchanged at 2.9p. Earnings per share rose were 8.4p (2.2p).

Luton airport targeted

million from a loss of £6.2 million.

NATIONAL EXPRESS, Britain's largest train operator, is considering a formal bid to run Luton airport in the aftermath of a failed takeover approach by Stelios Haji-loannou, owner of EasyJet. The company already runs East Midlands and Bournemouth airports and is bidding for Bristol airport. Yesterday National Express reported pre-tax profits of £23.5 million (£20.4 million) for the six months to June 30. lifting earnings to 13.2p (10.5p) a share. An interim dividend of 4p (3.4p) is due October 24. The shares rose 29 ap to 518p.

Utility guidelines sought

THE Department of Trade and Industry and utility regulators were yesterday pressed to set out clear guidelines for competition in utilities to ensure fair treatment for all consumers and stem customer confusion. Sharon Dee, senior researcher with the Consumers' Association, said regional and income-based differences were emerging between utilities customers. She called for links between the DTI and Department of Social Security so that benefits related more to the outgoings of those on benefit.

Cortecs loss deepens

CORTECS INTERNATIONAL, the biotechnology company created by Glen Travers, the Australian broker, yesterday disappointed the market with a larger than expected pre-tax loss of £11.7 million for the year ended June 30, compared with a loss of £3.8 million in the previous period. Turnover fell 27 per cent from £10.5 million to £7.7 million, while losses per share rose to 7.9p, from 3p. No dividend will be paid. The increased loss was blamed on higher research and

Invisibles seeks merger

BRITISH INVISIBLES, the private sector body that promotes the international activities of UK-based finance institutions and professional services, is recommending a merger with Ceenet, the export promotion and inward investment group set up and funded by the Corporation of London. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, has invited Lord Hurd of Westwell, currently deputy chairman of British Invisibles, to chair the combined organisation upon the retirement of the

Aspen issues warning

ASPEN, the marketing communications company, has given warning that difficulties in its print division and one-off charges will lead to disappointing earnings for the full year. In the half year to June 30, Aspen incurred an operating loss of £340,000, compared with a profit of £500,000, on turnover on continuing operations of £47 million, up 2.9 per cent. The poorer results were a result of higher operating costs, including severance costs for the previous chairman. The

Quieter time at Bentalls

BENTALLS, the department stores group, yesterday said that it has experienced a quieter start to second-half trading amid signs that the impact of building society windfalls is diminishing. The company reported profits of £1.38 million before tax and exceptional items in its first half-year to August 2. up from £400,000: Adjusted earnings per share were 5.76p (0.60p). The interim dividend rises to 0.7p a share. from 0.6p. The company also booked an exceptional profit of £6.6 million on property disposals.

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Minorco earnings up 7%

by Anglo American Corp and De Beers, both of South Africa, helped to lift earnings before exceptional items by 7 per cent, to \$214 million (£135 million), in the half year to June 30. Analysts said the cost-reduction effort was evidence that Minorco is preparing to take on new projects, such as the Collahuasi copper project in Chile and the Cerro Vanguarda gold mine in Argentina. Minorco's results were slightly better than expected. The dividend rises I cent to to 22 cents.

Davis lifts dividend

DAVIS SERVICE GROUP, the business services company, is lifting its interim dividend 10 per cent, to 3.73p a share. after reporting a 40.3 per cent rise in profits, to £17.2 million, from £12.2 million, before tax and non-recurring items. Adjusted earnings per share rose 10.2 per cent, to 8.43p. Group turnover was £202.2 million, compared with £157.3 million. Much of the increase was attributed to the inclusion of Spring Grove, acquired in October 1996. The acquisition gave rise to restructuring costs of £2.8 million.

New deal with employer

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the GMB general union announced a new partnership agreement with a glass company aimed at ending the "hire and fire culture" and offering pay rises of up to 30 per cent.

The deal was hailed by the union as an example of the industrial partnership called for at this week's TUC conference by the Prime Minister. the CBI and the TUC itself. The GMB, together with the

billion of new money was in-

vested with the company in

In spite of the sharp rise in profits. David Prosser, chief

executive, gave warning that

an economic downturn or a

fall in the stock market could

lead to consolidation in the life

insurance industry. Mr Pros-

ser believes that current buoy-

ant market conditions are

masking the lact that many

companies are not in a finan-

cially strong position. He said:

The industry has always

the first half.

VISION OF PARTNERSHIP

AEEU engineering union. agreement with reached Solaglas, the UK subsidiary of Saint-Gobain, the French glass company, on a new deal covering about 500 glaziers in the company, and which is likely to lead to the recruitment of an additional 30 employees by reducing the use of sub-contractors. instead of high overtime

and call-out payments, basic pay for glaziers will rise from between £9,114 and £9,704 to E11,100 and £13,200, and for principal glaziers from £10,050 to between £13,300 and £14,630.

Lloyds TSB is to consult local communities over proposed closures of the last bank in a town. The new commitment — the first by a high street bank - comes as part of a new partnership deal with Bifu, the banking union. which extends union recognition in the bank.

UNION ENERGY

is to sell gas and electricity after a rebellion by a large gued it would threaten jobs in part of the union movement

Union Energy, which was set up six months ago, will offer gas and electricity to union members when the domestic markets are deregulated. It plans to make profits which will be put back into the TUC.

The plan stirred controversy from several unions who ar-

the energy in-dustry and marked an unacceptable step towards TUC plc.

Steve Brazier of Unison told congress: "The TUC is increasing job insecurity and competition which has led to 120,000 jobs being lost by our members in the electricity and gas industries." John Tilley, of the RMT, said: "If the price of

come here to a backdrop of TUC plc then thanks but no thanks. But Union Energy was

modernisation is we will

defended by some union leaders who said that since competition was inevitable — and in the case of gas already being phased in - then the union movement should participate. Tony Cooper, general secre-tary of the Engineers and Managers Association, said: "Competition is coming and we are sick and tired of playing King Canute.

magnitude, and acknowl-

edged that the impact of the

The drop in the April-June

consumption tax rise was

GDP was bigger than initially

expected," said Shimpei Nuk-

aya, of the EPA. However, he

said the slump in personal

consumption is a short-term

admitted that the Government

would be hard pressed to

achieve its economic growth

target of 1.9 per cent for fiscal

The latest GDP data under-

lined that Japan's economic

recovery is dependent on

1997, ending next March.

Pension sales boost Legal & General

By Caroline Merrell

LEGAL & GENERAL'S interthinner. You have to be able to im profits have jumped 15 per sell large volumes on thinner cent, to £155 million, boosted by strong sales of personal The number of life insurequity plans (Peps) and personal pensions. A total of E3.7 ance companies, currently 100, could fall by two thirds

over ten years, Mr Prosser Earnings per share rose 19 per cent, to 8.57p, and the dividend rises 14.3 per cent, to 4p. L&G said that it would continue to pursue a progressive dividend policy after a change to its long-term fund

allowing shareholders' inter-

ests to be more fully account-

The company said that it had reviewed about half of its 33,000 possible pension mis-selling cases, and claimed that been competitive. Margins are it was on course to meet the

end-of-September deadline for sorting out its compensation disclose how much it had set aside for compensation.

In June, the company was strongly criticised by Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, for being slow to compensate those who had been encouraged to give up their employers' pensions in favour of taking out a less beneficial personal pension.

In spite of the attack, L&G attracted £2.3 billion of new money into pensions in the first half. It also pulled £443 million into Peps and unit trusts, and £80 million was deposited in the Legal & General bank, which was launched on July 1.

Medical sell-off at Vickers

VICKERS, the Challenger tanks to Rolls-Royce cars manufacturer, is to sell its medical division, raising up to £100 million.

The company has aiready been approached by 15 potential buyers. Earlier this year Vickers sold S&W Medico Teknik, its Danish patientmonitoring business, and vesterday it unveiled the sale of its monitoring and anaesthesia equipment business in the UK and Ireland to Instrumentarium Corporation for £4.5

The Danish sale forced the company to take a £12.5 mlllion hit on its first-half results. Pre-tax profits fell to £15 million (£31.8 million). Earnings were 5.6p (6.3p), but the inter-im dividend, due October 16, is maintained at 2.7p.

Negative growth blow for Japan

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S gross domestic product shrank 2.9 per cent in real terms in the three months to June 30, the biggest contraction in 23 years, the Government said yesterday.

Officials blamed the fall, representing an annual growth rate of minus 11.2 per cent, on declining personal spending and housing starts after the consumption tax was raised in April. It was the worst quarterly growth rate since the first oil crisis in 1974, prompting fears that the fragile economic recovery may stall.

Agency (EPA) said weak domestic demand knocked four percentage points off Japan's GDP since April, and linked it to consumer spending ahead of

the tax increase.

The Economic Planning

Officials had expected nega-

phenomenon. adding: "The basic trend towards economic recovery continues, although the current pace is slow." However, Mr Nukaya

SFL invests in heart of Paris

By CARL MORTISHED

SOCIETE Foncière Lyonnaise, a quoted French property company controlled by Commercial Union and Hermes, the UK pension fund manager, is investing Fr2.8 billion (£290 million) to expand its real estate holdings in the heart of Paris's golden The deals, which include

taigne. Boulevard de la Madeleine and a big development site near the Paris Opera will make SFL the fourth-largest French property company, with a Fr9 billion portfolio.

SFL said yesterday that pros-pects for investment in Paris were promising, with yields on prime properties at 64 per cent, ahead of ten-year bond stabilised at Fr3,000 a square metre, half their peak in 1991. The company is buying five properties from GAN, the French insurer, for Fr676 million and is paying Société Générale Fr2.150 million for Edouard VII, a 1.5 hectare office, retail, residential and leisure development on Boule-

vard des Capucines, near the Landhurst duo 'cooked books' By Jon Ashworth THE backers of the Brabham Ashworth, 45, from South

Formula One motor racing team accepted thousands of pounds in bribes in return for loans and would have leased "the very tyres" in their bid to deceive bankers, the Old Bai-

ley heard yesterday. Ted Ball, founder Landhurst Leasing, and David Ashworth, the joint managing director, "cooked the books" and took £420,000 in backhanders in return for keeping Brabham afloat. In one instance, £60,000 in cash was handed over in a briefcase at a

Ascot, Berkshire, deny conspiring to defraud a syndicate of banks led by Guinness Mahon out of millions of pounds between 1990 and 1992. They further deny taking bribes in return for advancing millions in loans to Middlebridge Group, which bought Brabham in 1990 from Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One promoter.

Timothy Langdale. OC. opening for the Serious Fraud Office, told the jury that Mr Ball had a desire to be one of service station on the MI the major players in motor motorway, the court heard. racing, and talked as if he Mr Ball 49, from Hartfield, owned Brabham.

East Sussex, and Mr The court heard that



Landburst advanced "very substantial sums" Middlebridge, backed by Khoji Nakauchi, a Japanese businessman. Mr Ball and

Mr Ashworth conspired to pour millions "down the Brabham drain", concealing the losses from bankers. By 1990, Middlebridge was "running out of things to lease" to satisfy its desperate need for cash. Mr Ball and Mr Ashworth advanced £320,000 against racing car engines and loaned £500,000 against a Ferrari that did not even belong to Middlebridge. Some £1.2 million was loaned against machinery and racing cars with no engines. Mr Langdale told the jury: "One can be forgiven for feeling that Ball would be prepared to write a lease on the very

tyres of a car which had been changed in a pitstop." The case continues today.



NDUP s shows

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Revolution is afoot in the City. Yesterday. Guildhall witnessed events which, only months ago, few would have dreamed possible. Democracy of a cort 1ake-up racy, of a sort, may be about to dawn. Gathered together, those who govern the Square Mile apparently took note of the current mood for modernisation of ancient institutions. There are of ancient institutions. They accepted that an alderman, once elected, should not stay elected for life. They also agreed that it was no longer appropriate for the existing aldermen to be able the existing aldermen to be able to veto the appointment to their

ranks of newcomers legitimately chosen by the electorate. Such changes might sound belated to the citizens of parts of eastern Europe or Africa, but in the high-tech financial centre of the City, they are breath-taking.
For until now the 25 aldermen

of the City have fought tenaciously for the continuance of an antiquated system which appears to outsiders to have all the least attractive characteristics of a self-perpetuating cabal. It is less than two years ago that the City battled through the courts to preserve the aldermen's rights to refuse to accept the appointment of a man whom voters, albeit these are an extraordinarily re-stricted breed in the City, had chosen as their representative.

Not many people of sound mind might wish to have joined the strange club from which the Lord Mayor of London even-tually clambers into his fancy

Democracy at the City gates

coach, but Malcolm Matson, a millionaire entrepreneur, did. The existing aldermen did not want him, and their cowardly insistence on taking refuge be-hind their right not to explain why, raised harsh and unwarranted question marks over

the man's character.
It would be cheering to think that the aldermen had agreed to behave differently because they now accept the inequity of their behaviour but that is not the case. The government of the City is bowing to the need to change because the national Govern-ment has demanded it do so. What it is trying to do, without giving up too many of the trappings, is to come up with a formula which will convince Mr Blair that it deserves to continue

as a separate local authority.
As part of that process, it also agreed yesterday that it would explore ways of extending the City franchise beyond its current narrow confines, which effectively hands over control of certain wards to a few partners of professional firms.

It now falls to the very capable City bureaucrats to draw up proposals on how these plans might be put into practice. Then there will be a vote at Guildhall.



Before then, the aldermen will have donned their plumage and paraded through the streets to show off the new Lord Mayor. If that was all that these would-be worthies got up to, their arcane electoral procedures would be of little concern. But the City Corporation has all the powers of a local authority and great wealth to boot. If the Square Mile is to have its own authority, it needs to show it can stand up to modern ideas of democracy.

Focusing to be fashionable

t must be lonely at Tomkins. Only last year the likes of Hanson, BTR and Williams stood proudly in the diversified industrial sector, giving it a strong representation among Britain's leading companies. With Hanson having sold its tob-acco, chemical and electricity businesses and moved to build-

ing materials, Williams joining business services and the new "focusing-for-growth" BTR head-ing to engineering, Greg Hutchings' guns-to-buns group will be the only conglomerate to admit to the tag left in the FTSE 100. Ian Strachan's decision to end BTR's quarter of a century as a conglomerate at least shows that he had been listening to what the City has been telling him. There may be some carping about the two-stage process. After all, if

Strachan knew he was going to slim the group down to half its size and only keep engineering companies, why did he not say all this when he announced the first set of disposals a year and first set of disposals a year ago? And there must be concern that BTR is selling its packaging business — a star performer during the early-1990s. But Strachan always said it would take time to turn the supertanker around. And if it turns out that selling packaging now - when it needs heavy investment to re-

ignite its growth — is a mistake, then its will be the City's fault as much as Strachan's. You could hardly imagine him asking for a couple of billion to invest in

packaging given the City's belief that BTR has no strategy. But Strachan, like Sir Nigel Rudd at Williams, has answered the clarion call for focus that has rung louder and louder, like an electronic alarm clock, during the last five years. The diversified industrial sector has so underperformed the market that it is no wonder its stalwarts are heading for the hills. Yet the idea that the conglomerate is dead is plainly wrong. Look at General Electric, Hutchison Whampoa or, dare we say it, Granada. After all, what is a company that has television, hotels and rentals if it is not a conglomerate? The idea that a good management should be able to turn its skills to business areas not directly in its own sphere has not died. It is just that many of the stars who made

conglomerates fashionable in the 1980s ran out of ideas in the

The Owen Greens and James Hansons of the millennium are out there. Focus is fashionable now but the real issue is management. Managers lead. And Strachan has yet to show that he is anything but a dedicated follower of fashion.

Japan Inc sinking in red ink

sia's worst economic problem is now Japan. The industrial superpower's recession was supposed to yield a respectable 1.9 per cent rate of growth in 1997-98. That in turn was supposed to allow deficit finance to be run down at last and short-term interest rates edged up to support the yen and keep America sweet.

Inatead, it is all going in reverse. A rise in consumption tax from 3 per cent to 5 per cent, appropriately brought in on April I, produced a mini spree in advance, followed by mass desertion of stores since

Total output fell 2.9 per cent in the April to June quarter, reversing 1.4 per cent growth in

January to March. To meet official forecasts, growth would have to average 2.1 per cent in each of the next three quarters.

The only way this could happen is if growth is export-led, like the old days. And that means sales to North America and Europe. Japan now faces mar-kets shrinking in Malaysia, South Korea and the other wounded tigers. Political trouble

is already resurfacing as trade surpluses grow month by month. Ten-year bond yields dipped below a lowest-ever 2 per cent at the end of August and share prices measured by the Nikkei index are still sagging at less than half their late 1989 peak. The consequence is that Japan's army of retired people, who rely on the returns on their savings, have no money to spend. Things have become so silly that a rise in interest rates should help to boost consumer spending.

Limelight shunned

THE hefty partnership of Cazenove and Rothschild brought Limelight to the stock market less than a year ago. Since then the kitchens and bathroom group has seen its market value decimated. There were optimistic suggestions that the founder, Stephen Boler, might try to take the group public. Having taken £60 million profits at the time of the float, Mr Boler understandably prefers to enjoy himself elsewhere.

United Biscuits has to digest £31m provision

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

UNITED BISCUITS reported sharply lower interim profits yesterday because of costly factory disposals, poor crisp sales in Britain and a Tazo attack" in Australia.

The company made a £31.5 million provision to cover the cost of disposing of its factory in Hjorring, Denmark, and closing its Broxburn site in West Lothian. No further factory sales or closures are

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pre-tax profit fell from £44.9 million to £13.7 million in the six months to July 12. The company blamed the strong pound for the modest rise in pre-exceptional profit to £45.1 million.

UK sales of its crisps were disappointing in the first half. Combined crisp and snack sales fell 4 per cent, with ownlabel crisps doing particularly badly. Sales of snacks such as

Disposals of any poorly per-forming divisions that fail to improve are not ruled out, In Australia, the group continued to feel the impact of an planned. Hula Hoops and Skips and As a result of the provision. KP nuts were all ahead. 18-month-long "Tazo attack" by PepsiCo of the US. The popularity of the collectable plastic discs placed in snack

Coats Viyella sees decline across clothing divisions

A POOR performance from Jaeger, contract clothing and other divisions pushed profits down at the Coats Vivella textiles group in the first half and triggered an 11 per cent drop in its share price yesterday.

Kirk Stephenson, finance director, said investors will have to wait until the year end to hear the results of a strategic review initiated by Michael Ost, chief executive.

Disappointment over an 11 per cent drop in pre-tax profit to £41.5 million and lack of news on future direction led to profit forecast downgrades from about £140 million for the full year to between £90 million and £100 million. The shares fell 13p to 108p. Sir David Alliance, chair-

man, took the dip in the share price as a buying opportunity. adding a quarter of a million shares to his holdings. We are echoing the same

themes we articulated in May." Mr Stephenson said. Some areas are better than last year, others are worse." Contract clothing incurred an operating loss of £8 million (£2.4 million loss). Restructuring begun last year continued to disrupt

production in the hosiery

sions. Good sales growth in Marks & Spencer lines failed to offset the losses.

Fashion retail and branded clothing made £3.5 million (£9.2 million) after an unpopular Jaeger spring range and weakness in Berhaus's Russian business. Thread, which accounts for made £46 million (£48.6 million). Currency translation from overseas units wiped

£4.6 million off profits. Earnings per share were down 15 per cent to 3.4p; the dividend stays at 3.7p.





BRUNNER MOND, the alkaline chemical maker, yesterday reported a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £18.8 million, in the year to June 30 on turnover of £145.7 million, up 5 per cent. Earnings per share were up il per cent, to 18.2p, and a final dividend of 5.8p will be

paid on November 10, bringing the total dividend to 8.7p. The shares, which have performed poorly since the company floated last September at 170p, edged up lp to 1524p in spite of a statement from David Wertheim, right, the chief executive. He said: "We want the share price to

reflect the value of the company, which I believe is much higher than the price at which it floated." Richard Bell, managing director, left, has seen the group make a slow start to the current year because of the strong pound and economic uncertainty in South East Asia.

Enterprise Oil advances

Enterprise Oil said it was on track to achieve a daily oil production rate of 320,000 barrels per day by 1999 despite a slowdown in production in the first half of this year. Net profit after tax for the six months to June was up 8 per cent, to £80 million, including a E9 million gain from

changes in corporation tax. Revenues from oil and gas sales fell 4 per cent because of the stronger pound, which reduced turnover by £25 million, and lower production, which trimmed revenue by E14 million, partly offset by higher dollar oil prices. Oil and gas output fell 3 per cent to 229,935 bpd due to maintenance work on the Scott and Nelson fields but Enterprise expects the second half to average 240,000 bpd. An interim dividend of 6.9p (6.5p) comes from earnings per share of 14.6p (13.5p).

Ramco bid under threat

A £54 million agreed bid by Ramco for JKX, the oil and gas company chaired by Sir Robert Horton, has been jeopardised by the purchase of an II per cent stake in JKX by UkraGazprom, the Ukrainian state oil and gas company, and its Swiss partner National Petroleum. They paid 52p a share, against Ramco's offer of 46.3p. Sources close to National Petroleum yesterday said the purchase was not a rival bid, but an attempt to keep JKX independent

Troubled Limelight sees shares tumble

By Sarah Cunningham

A DISASTROUS first-half lar campaign was launched in performance and another Elsewhere in Asia, sales grew, with China ahead by 17 profit warning from Limelight, the home improvement company floated less than a year ago, triggered a 42 per cent drop in its share price yesterday (Commentary, see

foods were strongly ahead, although frozen and chilled this page). The company said that a food sales altogether were down 6 per cent. The company disappointing first half and continuing problems in Portsaid that McVitie's Go Ahead! land (its windows division) will low fat snacks were selling well after what it called "UB's mean that the outcome for the most successful ever new year will be significantly lower than previously anticipated". The company made an interim pre-tax profit of £94,000.

product launch". The company is maintain-ing its interim dividend at 3.5p on pre-exceptional earnings per share of 6.2p (5.9p). compared with £1 million a year ago. It will not pay an

interim dividend. Its shares, which floated at 175p, closed at 375 p. down 27p. Sales at Moben Kitchens, its

kitchen retailing company. dropped 32 per cent in the first half. Steve Cotter, managing director, blamed a difficult market but also said that a BBC Watchdog programme which criticised Moben also had an effect. Limelight is suing the BBC for libel. Mr Cotter said that Stephen

Boler, the former chairman of the group reported to be considering taking the company private again, had written to the board assuring it

The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, **Public Limited Company**

Interim Dividend 1997

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Friday, 3rd October, 1997 for the preparation of warrants for an Interim dividend for the year 1997 of 5.1p per 25p Ordinary share payable on Monday, 3rd November, 1997.

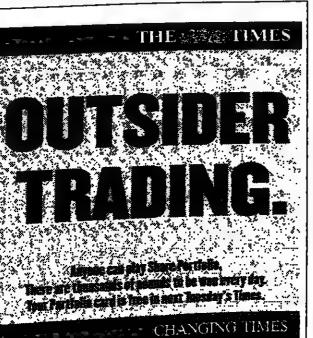
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> By Order of the Board Miss J.E. Munsiff Secretary

Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA 11th September, 1997



Booker hit by strong pound and weak price of salmon

By Eric Reguly appreciation of the pound".

CHEAP salmon prices and the expensive pound pushed down profits at Booker, the food processor and distributor. It said that the strength of sterling would continue to put pressure on earnings.

much it had cost the company.

but said that Australia re-

mained profitable, although

less so than last year. UB's market share has now been

stablised and PensiCo's only

success in Australia had been

a slight increase in its grocery

He added that PepsiCo had now given up its Tazo cam-

paign in Australia, and United

Biscuits would soon join it by

dropping its inclusion of plas-tic toys in snack packets. The

"Tazo attack" is the the fourth

such incident in 15 years he

said. Before Australia, a simi-

In Britain, sales of the Linda

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market share, he said.

The price of salmon plunged early this year when the Norwegians dumped huge quantities of the fish on the

The European Commission later intervened by putting a minimum price on salmon. But Booker said that the effect of the minimum price, which was set in ecus, has been completely negated by the

Booker also said that high feed prices had damaged profits at its American poultry operations, Arbor Acres Farm Group and Nicholas Turkey. Charles Bowen, chief executive, said: "Our chicken products are improving steadily, but we expect it will be several years before we can re-establish ourselves as the clear

market leader." Pre-tax profits fell 47 per cent, to £17.2 million, in the 24 weeks to June 14, on turnover that climbed 35 per cent to £2.35 billion. The rise was largely due to the purchase

last year of Nurdin & Peacock, the food wholesaler. Earnings per share were halved to 4.1p. The interim

dividend rises 2.5 per cent to 8.3p. Booker said full-year profits will fall by about £7 million if sterling's value remains unchanged Brokers said the results

were in line with expectations and that the shares, which fell 29'2p to 287'2p, were hit by the comments on the currency problems. Mr Bowen said he was confident that Booker could achieve the City profit estimates of 34p to 38p a share



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Investors caught cold by Wall Street wobble

closed at their low point of the session as New York extended Wednesday's 132-point fall in early trading last night.

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Wall Street's wobble caught investors round the world on the hop, prompting sharp falls overnight in Tokyo and Hong Kong. At the close of business in Landon, the Dow Jones industrial average had lost a further 128 points on US worries about third-quarter corporate earnings due soon.

In the event, the FTSE 100 index suffered a steady decline to close 50.4 down, at 4,854.8. The decision to peg interest rates at 7 per cent brought little comfort. Instead investors focused on a mixed bag of domestic trading statements from a long list of blue chip

An upbeat statement on future prospects lifted BTR 15p to 234p as US buyers came in. Turnover reached 66.5 million shares making it the heaviest traded stock as well as making up a large percent-age of the total 717 million shares to change hands. Elsewhere, trading statements left British Aerospace 45p off at £15.1012. Rio Tinto 29p at 996p, Centrica 24p at 87p, Booker 29 p at 287 p, Coats Viyella 13p at 108p and Vickers 112p at 1932p.

The repercussions from the Wall Street sell-off touched companies traded in London with big interests in the Far East, HSBC tumbled 69½ p, to £19.12, under a fresh wave of selling, while Standard Chartered dipped 12p to 787p, and Incheape slipped Ip to 270p ahead of figures next week.

NatWest Bank rose 10p to 834p on suggestions that the group is close to selling its investment banking arm NatWest Markets.

It was the morning after the night before for companies promoted this week to the FTSE 100 index. Norwich Union fell 132p to 3272p as Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, came out with a "sell" recommendation. It says the group's rating is higher than Prudential, down 6p at 629p. and that is unjustified. Woolwich slipped 3½ p to 315p after being promoted, along with Williams 9p to 350p, and

Billiton 3½p to 244p. Those being relegated also came under selling pressure. Burmah Castrol was left nursing a fall of 22p at £10.70%, while Hanson was Ip lighter at 308 p. Imperial

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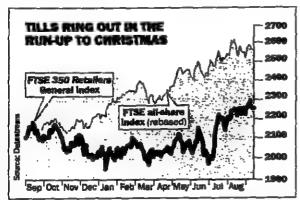
Sir Richard Evans, left, chief executive, and Richard Lapthorne, finance director, of BAe, off 45p yesterday

Tobacco 4p off at 391 2p. Tate & Lyle 2p easier at 403p, and Mercury Asset Management 3p off at £12.25 2

Rank Group, Ip lighter at 349½p, has bought back a further 6 million shares at 350p from BZW and NatWest Securities. Caradon firmed 2p to 190½ p as it bought back 1.27 million of its own shares at 1904 p. Cazenove, the broker,

did the business. Tomkins, 44p better at 3214p, has also bought back 1 million of its own shares at 317p.
Psion, the hand-held com-

puter maker, appears to have shrugged off recent weakness caused by production difficulties and a profits warning. with the price adding 24p to 443 p, after briefly touching 45712 p. Brokers say prospects



SALES fell 9 per cent at John Lewis last week, as the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, affected the retailers, many of which remained closed on Saturday mnorning. The British Retail Consortium has confirmed that August was disapointing amid signs that the effect of windfalls is fizzling out. This may bode badly in the run-up to Christmas. However, Roy Maconochie at Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, disagrees: "I think it is just a blip." He noted that John Lewis had closed on Satur-

day for the funeral.

He expects spending to be steady through the autumn. Last year's November Budget deterred spending up until the last minute before Christmas.

"Consumers remain selective about where they ipend their money. Spend ing has diminished but its not gone away. The windfalls are a built-in confidence factor," he adds.

He expects good performances from Kinglisher, down 8p at 748p, and Next, 8'p off at 754'p, ahead of figures next week. Dixons, unmoved at 635p, should also do well.

short-term problems. UBS, the broker, has been appointed the "shop" to Waste cycling. Its first task yesterday was to help to place 13.2 million shares with various institutions at 260p. The pro-ceeds of £34.4 million will go towards financing the acquisition of Finstop, the Yorkshire based landfill business for £14.5 million, and repaying its debts of up to £13.2 million. Waste Recycling closed 9p lower, at 2782 p.

Birmingham City was steady at 52p after splashing out £1.5 million on John Mc-Carthy, the Port Vale winger.

Pittard dropped 9p to 832p after giving warning that the strong pound and turbulence in Asian markets would make dent in second-half profits. The company exports 60 per cent of its output.

Trading conditions are look-ing brighter at Sidlaw, up 62 p at 87p. The flexible packaging group says that profits for the year will be ahead of expectations, with the pick-up seen in the first half carrying on through to the second.

It was good news all round for Jackson Group, with the rice adding llbp at 49bp. The building and construction group has received a bid approach and says its trading position has improved. Biocompatibles Interna-

tional showed signs of bottoming out after this week's disastrous performance. The shares closed 25p better at 575p but remain 5674p down on the week. It follows the decision of Johnson & Johnson, the US group, not to license its surgical equipmentcoating product. By the close almost 1.5 million shares had changed hands. GILT-EDGED: The Lon-

don bond market outperformed rival continental markets although the decision to peg interest rates at 7 per cent made only minimal positive impact. In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt rose E's, to El151/16. as a total of 31,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was five ticks better at £11015/16. while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was

unchanged at £102²⁹/12. fell further on continued worries about third-quarter earnings. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 89.66 points, at 7,629.62. DADON BRANEJA FUTURES

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move into the electricity mar-

ket and provide a "one-stop"

energy shop. A deal with a

generator should be announ-

ced in the next few months.

But with the company not ex-

TOO MUCH GAS IN THE PRICE

Flight into blue skies

BRITISH AEROSPACE was a little bit too subtle in its warning yesterday that repayment of launch aid for the Airbus A32) would depress civil aircraft profits over the next two years. The profitability of Airbus is a wellkept secret, so one can lorgive the City's aerospace analysts for not spotting that BAe would be paying some £360 million back to the Treasury over the next three years. Normally, BAe is so unhelpful in explaining where its profits come from that one might speculate why it wishes the world to know the precise timing of the repayment of these loans and their impact on profits. Could it have anything to do with current negotiations between the Airbus partners over the creation of a single Airbus company? BAe is by far the most profitable of the partners, but it would be unfortunate if it had to share that value

pro rata among its less efficient partners. Still, even after deducting the launch aid, the downward adjustment to profit forecasts for 1999 earnings is only 3 per cent, well within normal margins of error. What will drive BAe profits forward over the next three years is not Airbus but the colossal growth in the defence order book. The resulting surge in profits will stand BAe in good stead as talks continue over the development of a pan-European desence contractor. No alliance can meaningfully take place without BAe, nor is it reasonable to suggest that any other company could lead it. BAe shares have achieved a tremendous rise on the back of defence orders and are now priced at 13 times earnings in 1999. By that stage, the civil aircraft profits should be soaring, so there is no reason to sell the stock now.

pected to make a profit from

electricity, it could prove an

expensive way to keep its

customers. Inevitably, price

competition will increase,

while the company admits it

is still a long way from showing a profit. Centrica is

trying hard but without the

expectation of a rapid return

to profit the shares cannot

warrant such a rating.

Centrica

WHAT is driving the revival in Centrica shares, the gas supply company which made its dismal debut on the stock market last year? Some still reckon it a takeover target for a rival gas supplier seeking its customer franchise. Yet, a potential bidder would need to secure a deal over the British Gas brand which could revert to BG on a change of control. Likewise, some profitable industrial supply contracts might be subject to renegotiation.

Centrica's management has impressed the City, tackling inherited problems, such as the famously poor customer service but the company has only half solved its take-or-pay problem with a gas input price at which gas can be bought on the spot market.

But for all the solid prog-

National

Express

NATIONAL EXPRESS is fast becoming the darling of the transport sector. Unlike its train-operating peers, it has shown itself able to cut the cost of running a railway without any of the chaotic cancellations demonstrated by Connex and Stagecoach. After shedding 650 em-

ployees from the payroll and running up a 56 million bill for redundancy pay. National Express is still making a healthy profit, which will grow in the next few years, bolstered by a guaranteed strative staff are being pooled from its five franchises into one unit and the company is using its market muscle to extract good deals from train rental companies, caterers and other services.

Boasting organic passenger growth of 6.5 per cent. the rail franchises' achievements may be too good to be true.

DOLLAR RATES

Mar Much of the growth is being achieved by carching fare dodgers who deprived British Rail of 10 per cent of its income. However, such efficiencies demonstrate how good managers can make a railway profitable and do so faster than the City expected. With its slimmed-down cost

base, National Express should see further growth, with some 13 years of the franchise left to run. Yet the shares are sitting on an earnings ratio of 14 times - a discount to the market of 30 per cent. This anomaly will soon correct itself.

Rio Tinto

RIO TINTO painted a glowing picture of its operations yesterday. Volumes were up. the Kennecott smelter's troubles are coming to an end and the promised efficiencies from the merger with CRA are coming through to the bottom line.

Unfortunately, the dividend was the only sad item on the agenda. The interim has been pegged at last year's level, in part because Rio Tinto is worried about the Government's ham-fisted policy confusion over foreign income dividends. More important is the need to restore dividend cover, which has falen well below two times. However, the good news is that estimates of the impact: of the merger cost reductions on Rio Tinto's earnings seems to have increased by \$30 million, to \$150 million, in a full year.

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Worries about copper surpluses and the prospect of increased production from new mines will act as a brake on wide demand for base metals is not diminishing and, curiously, most of the growth has been in OECD countries, suggesting that wobbly financial markets in the Far East should not be a concern. After the recent slide, the shares are looking interesting.

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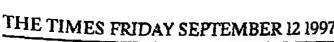
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Look to an old theory to explain our golden age

Questions about a 'new paradigm' should be directed to Keynes

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ast week I explained some of the cyclical reasons why the British and American economies both seem so healthy at present. But the fact that both countries are now in what Americans call the "sweet spot" of their economic cycles may not be sufficient to explain the happy combination of low inflation and full employment that they now enjoy. It will certainly cease to be sufficient if this period of prosperity and low inflation continues much longer, as most of the financial portents suggest that it will.

Economists and investors have therefore started to wonder whether some totally new kind of analysis is needed to explain what is going on. The financial markets especially are buzzing with talk of a "new paradigm", to borrow again from the American parlance.

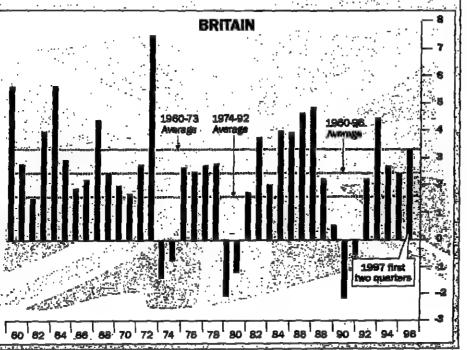
When seasoned observers of human affairs hear financiers enthuse about a new paradigm or a new era, they instinctively reach for their revolvers, or at least get a tight grip on their wallets. In this case, however, such cynicism seems only half-justified.

The first point to note is that new paradigm theories can be divided into two quite separate kinds. One type asserts that the long-term sustainable rate of growth in the American (or British or world) economy has increased because of globalisation, technology or some other exogenous boon. The other type claims nothing about the trend rate of growth, but merely says that economies can now operate at lower levels of unemployment than in the 1970s and 1980s without inflation getting out of control.

The first type of theory -

which claims a permanent acceleration in the trend rate of growth — is more exciting.
since it implies a permanently faster growth in everyone's standard of living (and also incidentally a permanently higher level of corporate profit growth and therefore of a permanent buil market in shares). The second theory is much more modest. It suggests only that full employ ment can now be attained without triggering inflation. This limited version of the new paradigm means only a oneoff gain to the economy as the jobless are put back to work. Once full employment is reached, as it arguably now has been in America (although clearly not in Britain or Europe) it is back to business as usual: long-run growth of about 2 per cent annually in real incomes, profits and investment - and no particular reason to assume accelerating productivity or a continuing

NEW ERA OR JUST A RETURN TO NORMALITY? Gross domestic product (annual percentage change) **AMERICA** 1974-92 1960-96 1997 (inst



stock market boom. To judge by the recent falls in stock markets around the world, investors are just beginning to understand the difference between these two versions of the new paradigm. And the markets are probably right. There is plenty of evidence for the more limited version, which argues that full employment can be maintained without inflation, but there is little reason to believe that the new era of full employment will also be a period of ever-rising profits and accelerating pro-

ductivity growth. To explain a permanent acceleration in productivity requires all kinds of bold assumptions about the benefits of new technology and globalisation. But untested theories about a new golden age are not required to explain why full employment has re-turned. It is quite sufficient to revive some of the most familiar notions of modern economics, namely modern Keynesian theory, also known as the neoclassical synthesis, which was taught in most universities and schools in Britain, America and Japan until the 1980s,

(significantly) caught on in Germany.

This theory taught that a decent approximation to the admirable soal of permanent full employment could be achieved if the government and central bank actively managed demand by manipulating interest rates, exchange rates, taxes and public spending. No country could hope to fine-tune the economy so exactly that the business cycle would be eliminated completely, but the timely and judicious use of monetary and fiscal instruments to manage demand could prevent the long depressions and wild swings between boom and bust that were widely assumed to be inescapable features of capitalism before Keynes came along.

The relevance of this brief historical digression should be clear to anyone who follows the financial news. Hardly a week goes by without the Reuters screens being set ablaze by some new announcement about "the timely and judicious use of fiscal and monetary instruments to man-

London, Frankfurt or Tokyo. The Bundesbank still formally denies that it is in the demand management business, but policymakers should be judged by actions, not words.) Instead seeking a new paradigm, therefore, why not revert to the old paradigm of pragmatic Keynesian economics to explain the present state of

age demand" in Washington.

in the late 1960s and woke today would not be surprised by the present state of the world economy. In America, where the Federal Reserve Board has been operating under a dual mandate to preserve price stability and maximise employment, these objectives have broadly been achieved. In Britain, similar policies were adopted after Black Wednesday and are broadly accepted even by the newly independent Bank of England.

Even the Bundesbank has, since last year, been stimulating demand by cutting interest rates and facilitating a weaker mark. The result has been predictable - a sharp increase in German exports, leading to

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Goldman Sachs's way,

Free bank

of full employment is bound to encourage such a breakdown of discipline in any democratic market economy, as Michael Kalecki, the great Polish neo-Marxist economist, argued in his prophetic critique of Keynesian policies in 1943. Instead of viewing the A Keynesian who fell asleep present as some kind of aberra-

tion, we should perhaps consider the 1970s and 1980s to have been the aberration. All that has happened in the 1990s is that the world economy has moved cautiously back towards a normal steady state of moder ate prosperity and full employment, with America leading, Britain behind it and Europe bringing up the rear.

If that sounds too much like wishful thinking, watch the stock markets slide as investors realise that what lies ahead is neither boom nor recession, but a long spell of moderate non-inflationary growth when the struggle over the income distribution between wages and profits will gradually resume.

ready in place to field calls fered a jeroboam of champagne to anyone to think of from interested parties. Alas, they have chosen the even duller "Board of Finan-Europe. ed on the most competitive



Sir Bruce Pattullo might have a few separatists on his Bank of Scotland staff

Energis flotation puts the seal on spirited recovery

National Grid, has come back from the dead and is headed for a stock market flotation that could make it one of the largest quoted players in the sector. The initial public offering is expected this year and may value the company at £1

the so-called multiplier) to

signs of recovery in domestic demand. Only in Japan, have

aggressive demand manage-

ment policies yielded disappointing results so far - and

there the economy was recover-ing strongly until the Govern-ment crushed it with a badly

timed tax increase that would

have sent Keynes spinning in

Our Keynesian Rip Van Win-kle would therefore see no need

for new paradigms in the world

economy today. Yet he would be puzzled. The puzzle would

not be why demand manage-

ment was doing so well in

America and Britain today.

instead he would ask why

Keynesian policy did so badly

from the late 1960s onwards that it had to be abandoned,

leaving the world to suffer from

mass unemployment for 20

This is the question that ought to be the focus of the

"new paradigm" debate. In-stead of seeking the magic

elixir that might explain the miracle of non-inflationary ex-

pansion - be it technology.

globalisation or even price

stability itself - it would be

more useful to focus on the

pathologies that made full em-

ployment unattainable in the

previous two decades. For a

Briton, the most important of

these pathologies was the nean-

derthal resistance of trade

union leaders to modern work-

ing practices and adequate

levels of profit. In other coun-

tries there were other problems
- ranging from excessive tax-

ation and public spending to

oppressive regulation and so-

the prosperity of the 1950s and

1960s. They were by-products

of the collapse of social disci-

pline that followed the longest

period of full employment and

prosperity in history. When wealth creation seemed to be-

come an automatic process.

people naturally grew less in-

terested in how further wealth

could be created than how it

might be shared out. A long era

That all these pa-

thologies had in

common was that

cial unrest.

Energis's flotation comes less than four years after its launch. The company began life in a blaze of publicity in 1993 and promptly disappeared from view. In the past two years it has received virtually no press coverage and the average consumer has no idea what it does.

Its business concept was brilliant. The problem was the National Grid, whose financial forecasts for Energis could only be described as overly ambitious. It was also clear that the Grid, whose business is running a monopoly electricity transmission network, had little idea how to operate a telecoms company in a

highly competitive industry. The Grid built Europe's most advanced telecoms network in 19 months by slinging high-capacity libre-optic ca-bles underneath electricity pylons. The 4,700-km network cost only £337 million because no digging was required. As a result it could offer services to prices. The Grid's masters sat back and waited for the cables to hum with activity. They did not

Energis emerged as just another wholesaler when the country was awash with telecoms capacity. A few high-profile customers were recruited, notably the BBC, which used Energis to send radio and TV signals from studios to the main transmission towers, but they were not enough to fill even a Eric Reguly on how new life

was breathed into the Grid's telecoms arm

small fraction of the network's capacity.
As losses piled up, the criticism began. The launch of Energis coincided with the "fat cat" saga, in which the Grid directors played a cen-tral role. David Jefferies, the Grid chairman, and his colleagues were accused of wasting money on a business

they did not understand. in an effort to restore confidence, the Grid began hunting for an Energis investor or buyer, The Grid believed a partner would help to shore up Energis's finances, provide customers and perhaps make it part of a pan-European or even global network. AT&T, America's largest long-distance operator, came close to a deal but the price was too high.

Energis's fortunes began to change early last year when Mike Grabiner, the director fo BT's European operations, became chief executive. He came to the conclusion that Energis could never make it as a seller of wholesale telecoms capacity; BT, although more expensive, would always have the advantage.

nder Grabiner, Energis has expanded its services. It is installing a virtual private network for voice communications at Boots and is following up with a data the chemist's 1,300 nect

shops. The system allows the head office to monitor sales and adjust orders instantly. Similar systems are being built for Eurostar and Virgin Atlantic booking offices.

In the past year or so, demand for "broadband" capacity has exploded with the rapid rise of Internet services, toll-free 0890 numbers, and high-speed data and video transmission. Increasingly, Energie's network is being called upon to transmit these services. The company now has some 400 customers and expects to report earnings before inter-est, taxes, depreciation and amortisation in the current financial year. In the year to doubled to £97 million. Analysts forecast 25 per cent annual growth, leading to estimated revenues of £1.2 billion within ten years.

The Grid is no longer looking for a buyer for Energis, though a trade sale will not be ruled out until the flotation is officially launched. Under pressure from shareholders, the Grid wants to ensure that Energis's value is reflected in its share price. Floating up to 49 per cent of Energis seems the best way to accomplish this. Dresdner i Kleinwort Benson, the Grid's financial adviser, hopes to float Energis by the jend of the

The company still faces enormous challenges. Lack of direct access to most of its customers is a shortcoming that may turn into an enormous liability. Unless it develops a local access network, it will have to keep paying competitors to transmit signals to and from its own network. In the information age, direct access to the route to riche

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bank's practice may be the reason for late payment

From Mr D. Bonfield Sir, Your supplement on

prompt payment (September 9) suggests slow payers are choosing this route at the expense of their suppliers. Perhaps the reasons for late payments should have been explored.

I put forward the case of my small British manufacturing company as an example. After an excellent relationship with a major bank (Barclays) for many years, a new young and inexperienced bank manager

replaced our existing ma sulled through er, who was promoted. In what I understand is common practice under these circumstances, he aimed to clear out any lending that was not fully

secured and, as a result, our overdraft was removed. Severe cashflow problems resulted, leading to late payment to many of our suppliers. Our only other option was to close down the business, but fortunately after over nine months of considerable stress, we have

the company and the jobs of all our employees. I would fully support moves

to make illegal repayable on demand" terms that are currently imposed on UK overdrafts, to reduce the power of the banks over the survival of small businesse Yours faithfully D. BONFIELD PO Box 2329. Santa Rosa.

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I HEAR of an unexpected parting of the ways. For four years Sir Tim Bell has been the public mouthpiece of Lord Lloyd-Webber, whose operettas have never been to my taste but who seemed a decent enough chap when his com-pany, the Really Useful Group, was on the stock market back in the 1980s.

Now Lloyd-Webber has hired an extraordinary troika to replace him next month. The three are Peter Brown, former chief executive of Ap-



"How on earth did the press get a whiff of the story?"

ple, as in the Beatles rather than computers, silly, and in charge of Lloyd-Webber's publicity in the US for years; Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former editor of The Express; and Howell James, John Major's political secretary before the

Lloyd-Webber tells me: "We wouldn't have moved away from Lowe Bell (Sir Tim's company) were it not for one huge thing. Peter Brown is my oldest friend in the business. When he decided he wanted to set up in London I couldn't really not go with him."

No suggestion of penny-pinching; the new team will be paid the same as Lowe Bell, he says. But while the composer may be cementing an old relationship with Brown, who another one may be frayed by the move. Sir Nicholas's wife, Eve, is herself godmother to Sir Tim's son.

BTR is selling Silvernown, as part of disposals announced yesterday. This was the business after which the conglomerate's, sorry, the engineer's, head office, is named, so this will no longer

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do. BTR has spent months pushing its corporate message to anyone who will listen. Wait for the inevitable renaming as Focus For Growth

Gold touch

ON the same subject, those disposals offer a golden opportunity for Simon Robertson to justify his enormous salary at Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank he joined this summer. Or is it an unenviable conflict of interest? Robertson is one of the new nonexecutives at BTR announced less than a formight ago. Normally, when a company

flags such sales, a bank is al-

SIR BRUCE PATTULLO of the Bank of Scotland may not favour devolution, but separatists were at work there ves terday. A London customer, account in credit, tried to with draw cash; the machine swallowed her card. Had the annexation of Sassenach funds in Scottish banks begun? I phoned, and the bank blamed "technical problems" with some accounts. Behind, I could just make out a Scottish

Bad omen

voice crying "Freedom!".

DENTON HALL, the City lawyer, has announced the winner of its name-the-super-SIB competition. The City's new regulator is working under the deeply dull acronym of NewRo. The lawyers, in an unusual rush of generosity, ofsomething more exciting. cial Supervision", submitted by Anita Bhaskar of Daiwa

My own suggestion came nowhere. The new body will take six months of consultation to set up, another six months to put together and six years before it gets around to doing anything useful: I suggested a rather neat 666 logo and the working name Damian. For some reason they refused to take me seriously.

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The clash of tanker-sized egos justling for newsprint. Froth and leathing at the Groucho. Limp wrists raised in anger. Handhags at 20 pages. Yes, its Contractor The agent in the it's Controversy Time again in the arts. Which usually means that somebody needs to shift a lot of tickets. Welcome to Sensation, the lovely new show of guts, gore and

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genitalia at the Royal Academy. The exhibition isn't launched until next week, but you may feel that you know its contents intimately already. It opens the 229year-old RA doors to that endearing clan of sheep-picklin. intestine gazin', eorpse-fondlin', hype-spinnin' lolk known as Young Brinsh Artists. And the press is picnicking handsomely on the "outrage" steaming from the Very Old British Artists who, for some reason, see little artistic merit in pickled sharks, severed limbs, enlarged autopsy photo-graphs of bullet wounds, and inflatable dolls with improbably displaced private parts.

For myself. I can take it or leave it. To misquote the late Peter Cook, why should I go to the RA to in the face in their art. What on

Can the fossils fight off the shark?

perversion and bestiality? I can get all that at home. And I also find it hard to take seriously an art debate conducted between dozens of figures whose combined talent would almost, but not quite, amount to a quarter-power Bacon or a one-per-cent Picasso.

Nevertheless a Great Arts Controversy is always fun, because all the highfalutin moral and cultural arguments can usually be boiled down to squabbles about money or status. And Sensation is a fascinating example, because it brings into conflict three groups with entirely different motives.
In the Red-in-Tooth-and-Claw

Curner are the Young Brits, the "Hirsts and worse". Their motive is obvious enough: to shock their way to fame and fortune. I have no objection to that, though I wish they would stop telling us how brave they are for looking death

doing for the past fortnight? And I also wish they would stop sniggering at their prime benefactor, Charles Saatchi, in "off the record" conversations with journalists. If you must slag off your patron, do it like a man: to his face, white

ripping up his latest cheque.
Then, in the Arsenic-and-Old-Lace Corner, are the crusty old lops who form a sizeable chunk of the RA membership. It isn't hard to guess their motive either: pure jealousy. They hate the Young Brits because the kids are getting fame and commissions for some pretty dubious art. Perhaps we should symputhise. After all, a portrait of Myra Hindley done with children's handprints does not exactly lift the heart, for all its alleged metaphorical power.

But the RA crusties forfeited any right to sympathy long ago. For decades they let the Summer Exhibition dwindle into laughable



mediocrity. Last December their finances were revealed to be in disarray. Modest reforms of their rules (mostly laid down by George III) have been resisted furiously. In short, they have painted them-selves into a still-life called Irrelevance, With Fassils.

bly its secretary David Gordon and its exhibitions secretary Nor-man Rosenthal. Somehow they have to balance the books and drag the old place into the 21st century. To do the former, they need exhibitions that will have the punters queueing all the way to Piccadilly Circus. Unfortunately. the top crowd-pullers - the continent-hopping Impressionist blockbusters - cost millions, and the

RA is strapped both for cash and

big sponsors But on the RA's own doorstep is art that is relatively cheap, head-line-grabbing and bound to attract thousands of curious spectators. Enter pickled shark, enter severed limbs. And if Sensation also causes a flurry of resignations among the old crusties, well, that's a bonus for Rosenthal and Gordon. They will be well on the way to dragging the place into the 21st

And in the third corner? There stand the RA professionals, notabut as a battle manoeuvre Sensation could well be sensational

> eanwhile, sit back and eanwhile, sit back and enjoy what promises to be a cracking row between new Labour's cultural mandarins and the Arts Council of England. The People's Government, itching to put its stamp on arts policy, is getting increasingly irritated by the gentle wait of inertia emanating from the Arts Council And little wonder. Four months have elapsed since Mary Allen's notorious "transfer" from being the Arts Council's secretarygeneral to running its biggest client, the Royal Opera House. Yet there is still no successor in sight.

Indeed, so ineptly was the job advertised (briefly in mid-August). and consequently so modest the quality of applicant attracted, that the whole process has been started

again. Meanwhile, Lord Gowrie. the Arts Council's suave chairman. swans round the country on an eccentric tour reading Basil Bunning poetry to harpsichord

accompaniment — a tour subsi-dised by an Arts Council grant. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, is mild-mannered to a fault, but even he must be miffed by this rudderless drift. Who is keeping a close eye on all those multimillion-pound lottery projects, for instance, if the Arts Council has nobody at the top to accept

responsibility?
I fear that it is time for the noble Gowrie to find another congenial quango to ease him gently towards his free bus pass. If the Government is really committed to taking the arts to the people, the Arts Council needs a leadership that believes in the idea. It also needs an influx of top people untainted by the murky machinations of the past year — and it needs them now. If Chris Smith hasn't got the stomach to tackle that, he might as well put in for his transfer to the Ministry of Paper-Clips before it is



Troll with a soul: Antony Sher (centre) gives "an heroically anti-heroic performance" as Cytano de Bergerac

The nose has it

The Cyranos we have seen in recent years -Keith Michell, Derek Jacobi, Robert Lindsay - have been line, upstanding fellows with the ill-luck to have been born with overprominent hooters. Antony Sher is not like that at all. Even if Apollo had donated him his nose at birth, he would still be far from having that Olympian look.

He is a small, squat creature with a bony red beak and black frizz sprouting from the top of his head and most parts of his face. And throughout

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Gregory Doran's production he wears the same tattered black jacket, with the hole in the elbow showing what may be fur beneath. At times his Cyrano looks like a throwback to the stage of evolution when our ancestors had to decide either to be birds or to

start swinging from the trees. Tom Mannion, who played Rostand's hero for the Scots company Communicado a few years ago, had a rough look too. But he took the logical next step, which was to underplay Cyrano's romantic yearnings. Sher does the opp-

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osite. He emphasises them, adding hints of an inner fragility. The result is a more paradoxical, more complete character: a troll with soul. Doran's production runs

over three hours, but is not

overloaded with scenic effects. and does not seem slow or fussy. On the contrary, his cast kept me rooted to the familiar old tale of the proboscisally challenged poet and soldier who self-denyingly woos and wins his own best beloved for a verbally challenged rival. The admirable Alexandra Gilbreath adds a surprising amount of sly humour to the wide-eyed rapture of the beauteous Roxane. As the handsome Christian, Raymond Coulthard comes across as a gangling Sloane Ranger, as

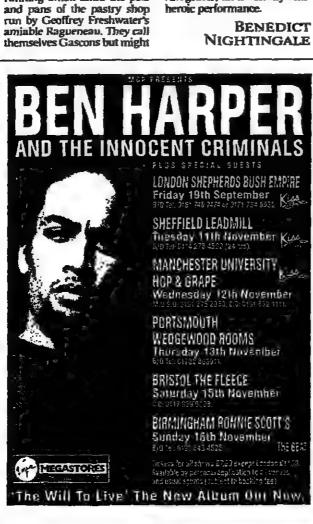
coping with words. As for Cyrano's comradesin-arms, they are a loud, crude crowd who take pride in running arnok amid the pots run by Geoffrey Freshwater

inept at managing his hat as

almost be a load of Gazzas. And there are moments when only Sher's quick wit and way with language differentiate his Cyrano from them. He is one of the lads.

But what Sher suggests, uniquely in my experience, is that this is the expression of insecurity. He is lonely, bashful, nervous with women. Indeed, there is something unformed, even childish about the accomplished swordsman and writer. You sense his fear when he wrongly gets the idea that his boyhood playmate. Rotane, may actually fancy him. You can see and hear his relief when he is asked person-ally to fight 100 men before their meeting. That's a cinch beside embracing her. Does Sher push the reading

too far? One would say so if he were not also capable of growling with a formidable rage and, more importantly, injecting a genuine intensity of longing into the love lyrics Cyrano dispatches to Roxane's balcony from the shadows below, Indeed, so much does he put into the role that sweat streams from his face, threatening to detach his nose and send it floating across the stage like an upturned dinghy. Altogether, an heroically anti-



THE children who attended Rain didn't last Monday's Junior Prom, Wet Wet Wet, at the Albert Hall were invited by The Times to become music crit-ics for the day. The response stop play, or was overwhelming; hundreds of reviews reached us within 48 hours, all brimming with enthusiasm and great fun to read. Clearly the future of your reviews arts journalism is resy. or thanks go to all the teachers and parents who kept the fax wires humming. But chiefly, thanks to the pupils who responded so vividly. Choosing the best reviews was very hard; in the and me calested them that the tree.

Hundreds of youngsters turned into Times critics at Wet Wet Wet, the

Junior Prom held earlier this week

ing around the Albert Hall and my spine. I'll sing you a song of the fish of the sea was wonderful. By rubbing the tops of glasses a musical effect made a marvellous background to the piece.

LOCKER-MARSH (10)

Tony Robinson stepped on to a huge stage, jumping

House School, Brackley, Christopher Bradish of the Bulmershe School, Reading and Lacy Simus of Badmin-ton Junior School, Bristol. It was a pity we were tucked away where we could not hear to their best effect all the To their schools go bundles of compact discs and concert pieces. However, it was clever how they found so many tickets. Here are the winning modern water themes to mix with the older pieces. Ol Man River stood happily with Jaws.

The title on the programme said Wet Wet. "Great," I thought, "perhaps this won't be boring ater all. in my head as we passed all Marti Pellow will be there." the flowers at Kensington Palace for Princess Diana. It Wrong! Tony Robinson was there, though, presenting the programme. And Ronald Corp, the conductor, was certainly not wet. He was jolly seemed as if the flowers and the music went together.

The Thunder and Lightning with the large drum thunder-

and got very involved in the

end we selected three that we

felt conveyed the most about

the concert, irrespective of

the writer's age.
So congratulations to Faith
Locker-Marsh of Winchester

the sound of 6,000 screaming children, ranging from 4 to 14 years of age. I looked down from the balcony and saw a sea of colours from all the uniforms.

Johann Strauss's The Blue

Danube was a piece that I recognised. I loved the way it transformed from the beautiful sound of the harp to the bellow of the drum. But The Skye Boat Song was probably my favourite, because of the sound of the orchestra and the At the end we sang Rule, Britannia and Pomp and choir mixing together. It reminded me of my grandma singing me to sleep when I Circumstance, which was still

was little. One of the audience's favourites was The Sorcerer's Apprentice by Paul Dukas, which featured in the film Fantasia. Robinson read the script from Fantasia over the music. I closed my eyes and found that I could imagine

every word. The Albert Hall erupted with Rule, Britannia and Land of

Hope and Glory, were some-thing for which nobody could prepare themselves. The atmosphere was electric; jumpers and blazers being thrown, not to mention paper aeroplanes and song sheets. Even the musicians were really enjoying themselves. I hope to be back next year.

CHRISTOPHER
BRADISH (12)

Monday was a wonderful-iy sunny day and i felt superb. It had been three hours from Bristol to London, and the birds had finished my lunch in Kensington. It was 15 minutes to the Albert Hall. As l walked in I was amazed. In front of me was the most magnificent building I'd ever

Tony Robinson was full of jokes and got the audience to do the most outrageous actions. Ever tried swimming down a sewage pipe? Robert Poulton, a baritone, had a magnificent voice that echoed round the hall. We all sang Rule Britannia so loudly, and everyone was throwing paper aeropianes. Hilarious!

The orchestra wore different coloured T-shirts so you knew which family they were in. The hall was dark red with gold trimmings. I was sitting right up close to the stage so I had a perfect view. The percussionists seemed to have the most fun, bashing drums and bells, and there was a wonderful glass harmonica which gave off an eerie sound. Perfect for a song called Aquarium. It was

LUCY SIMMS (10)

Just some of the names Tom and Felicity will be dropping this month.

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ELSEWHERE BASINGSTOKE: Authough the play Talent, which opened here last right, is written by Victoria Wood, she is, in tact.



Petr Altrichter conducts the RLPO in Liverpool

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DO YOU COME HERE OFTEN. The Right Size (Sean Foley and Hameh McColf) follow their excellent Stop Calling Me Vernon with this new comic show. The characters are accidentally locked in a bathroom, and all their escape attempts are thwarted. Josef Housen directs. Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, Wij (0181-741 2311). Then Mon-Set. Sprn; met Set. 4.30pm.

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OCEAN COLOUR SCENE Marchin' Already (Universal/MCA MCD 60048

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ALTHOUGH routinely reviled for their attachment to certain progressive rock clichés of the 1960s, Ocean Colour Scene have won an army of admirers for whom the historical references merely provide a reassuring frisson of conventionality.

However, it is safe to say that neither their detractors nor the million or so people who bought the group's Moseley Shoals album are in for too many surprises with Marchin' Already.

With its liberal use of backwards-taped guitar, phasing and Leslie speaker effects, the production by Brendan Lynch is often comically retro, and never more so than on the opening track, Hundred Mile High City, a bustling tour de force of skipped beats, awkward pushes and furious blues-rock riffing by guitarist Steve Cradock

From there they settle into Better Day, a wistful, Beatlesinfluenced tune with a descending piano motif, which showcases the soulful vocals of Simon Fowler. As with so many of the band's songs, the lyrics are cryptic to the point of meaninglessness, but oddly evocative: "Harry carried on in his usual way/And Minnie went inside/And came out once and we both cried/And Minnie blew my head away".

There are some fine performances, especially the delicate soul/ska hybrid Half a Dream Away and the epic, heartsore ballad, It's a Beautiful Thing, featuring the voice of 1960s soul star P.P. Arnold. But for all the energy and expertise of the musicians, the production and songwriting rarely amounts to more than the ersatz sum of inspirations.

HURRICANE#1 Hurricane #1

(Creation CRECD 206 £13.99) IF Ocean Colour Scene are to be criticised for their lack of originality, where does that leave a bunch of Johnny-comelatelys such as Hurricane #1? So derivative they couldn't even come up with a name that wasn't already taken, this is the group led by guitarist Andy Bell, formerly with pre-Britpop also-rans Ride.

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Despite negating a good 20 years of technological progress with their meat and potatoes guitar-band sound, their songwriting betrays little in the way of roots or founda-. tions reaching beyond the monolithic presence of their labelmates Oasis, in whose image this album is fashioned and in whose shadow it is destined to remain.

A handful of tracks, such as the first single, Step into my World, suggest a modest talent for spinning out a grand. swirling guitar coda and carrying a catchy chorus, but more typical of the album as a whole is the painfully obvious chord sequence, plodding mid-tempo rhythm and facile title of Faces in a Dream.

DAVID TOOP

Spirit World (Virgin 7243 8 44748 £15.99) A SCHOLAR and archivist of all things ambient, David Toop is gradually laying down a substantial body of his own work in between organising Virgin's Ocean of Sound series of compilations and sundry other projects. Whereas on previous al- co

NEW POP ALBUMS bums Toop has tended to shy

away from anything likely to be mistaken for a melody or a rhythm, on Spirit World he drops his guard long enough to present Spirits Shimmered Among the Live People, a gently drifting, 24-minute noodle underpinned by a light jazz-funk groove which forms a relaxed if unremarkable

centrepiece of the album. More dramatic is the claustrophobic atmosphere of Sleeping Powder, an eeric meeting of the worlds of David Lynch and the Aphex Twin, and its companion piece Ceremony Viewed Through Iron Slit, a sinister fantasy/horror narrative which Toop Intones in a ghostly whisper. Ambient music can sometimes seem awfully waffly, but there is some real meat here.

MARK MORRISON Only God Can Judge Me (WEA 0630-19539 E8.99)

WHETHER he is a victim of prejudice or just another pop star with a persecution complex, Mark Morrison has certainly wasted no time in coopting his colourful life experiences of the past 12 months into his art. The prurient

social behaviour, and his sixweek stay in prison for threatening a police officer, is all grist to the mill, so much so that it is difficult to respond to his "mini-LP" Only God Can Judge Me as anything other than a crude PR exercise.

A swiftly assembled, stopgap collection of tracks, it starts with a pair of plummyvoiced newsreaders reciting snippets of reports about Morrison's antics, and ends with a gospel choir singing a brief Morrison composition modestly entitled Lord's Prayer Pt II. Strip away the rest of the padding - including a oneline interview with Morrison on Radio I and a live version of i his biggest hit, Return of the Mack — and there is enough to make a reasonable EP.

Blackstabbers is a paranoid rap/rant in full-on Cameo mode: Who's the Macki is basically Return of the Mack without the tune; and the title track is a resonant plea for understanding. Whatever the merits of Morrison's case. frankly this is not enough.

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D.D. JACKSON Two for the show Paired Down, Volume 1

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Steve Turre (Verve 537 133-2)

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to the Princess seem to be

rather lacking in sincerity

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a strange and misty thing — which of us knows how we will react to the death of someone close. until such an event should occur? For instance, I was eight when my grandmother died, and I responded by eating a whole malt loaf and then vomiting it out of the landing window on to the shed roof. Between retches, sang Yesterday by the Beatles in a quavery little voice. Until that moment, I had no idea that this would be my chosen method of

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expressing grief.
As musicians are compelled to express their emotions through their art. so the Elton John song to Princess Diana is an entirely appropriate memorial. He knew her; the song was a teary part of the

funeral; the proceeds are going to charity; and it's all been done very tastefully. Elton has acted with decorum. He and decorum haven't tangoed much in the past, but then this is one of life's little ironies. A man who, let's face it, has frequently appeared onstage dressed as a picnic has acted with more emotional etiquette in the past week than the whole music industry combined.

For instance, Chris de Burgh was present at the funeral, so one presumes that he knew the Princess. However, was I the only one who felt a little uneasy when he popped up to be inter-viewed by David Dimbleby an hour later, to tell us about a song he'd written about her? Was I the only one who felt amazed that in a week in which someone he knew had died, he'd found time to film himself singing said song, and was happy to show the film during the coverage of a state funeral? Because the Princess's death provoked such a fe-

- T. W. B. S.

The grieving process is brile public mood, other pop stars have had so watch their mouths. The Spice Girls stated that they were delaying the release of their next single so that "Elton John could spend as long as possible at No 1º. Now, there is no event in the John being at No I for at least two months. Not to buy the Elton John single will be seen as a political act in some parts of Britain. bigger than God, but sales of Candle in the Wind are

going to make sales of D'You Know What I Mean? look like those for the last Yummy Fur twelve-inch.

The Spice Girls' management are canny they manage the Spice Girls, how much cannier do you need to be? - and they

know this. The Spice Girls' single is being held back because, naturally, they want it to go to No I. So why pretend otherwise? And Kylie Minogue's frankly bafiling withdrawal of her Impossible Princess album - all copies were recalled and renamed, at a cost of tens of thousands of pounds is also equally bizarre. Does this mean that the use of the word "princess" is now, in some way, emotionally illegal? Surely this would also extend to "Diana" and "Wales" being, in some mad way, banned?

All this overreaction is starting to look like doing something for the sake of being seen to do something. These panicked popstars would do well to read a bit of the Welsh (Oh no! I said Welsh! How tactless) philosopher D.Z. Philips, who suggested that the only profound response to truly horrific events is silence. If only the one-minute silence was being released as a



"I'd rather people judge me on the basis of who I am rather than an image that's half of who I am," says Mariah Carey from the depths of her self-analysis - and hotel pillow

In bed with my career

many ways that same little girl

Aware that every lyric, every

last comment will be dissected

laughable misinterpretations.

the pool and changes clothes.

complete a sentence."

about myself."

tion in May from her husband of four years, record com-pany chief Tommy Mottola. Mariah Carey's 1997 was always going to be seen first and foremost as the Year of the Split. But that does not mean the biggest-selling female artist of the 1990s has been idle on

the work front. Since a million self-satisfied I-told-you-sos were triggered by the separation, Carey has made another momentous decision, replacing the manager who had accompanied every step of her unstoppable ascent. She has also completed what she considers to be the most personal of her five studio albums, Butterfly, which waftMariah Carey's marital breakdown has led to a highly personal album. Paul Sexton meets a determined diva

ed into British record stores

yesterday.

Already it is clear that, for all the personal trauma, Carey still has Midas on the payroll: this week, the album's first single, Honey, went straight to No l in the American charts, taking her ahead of Whitney Houston and Madonna as the female artist with the most chart-topping singles ever. Carey is still on fire, or, as Billboard magazine was moved to put it, paraphrasing the Notorious B.I.G., "Mo

Honey, No Problems". For my audience

Carey, I was summoned to a room in her London hotel not her own chambers, it soon became clear, but a boudoir loaned by a member of Team Carey — and was introduced to the chanteuse reclining neath the sheets in a skimpy two-piece number. I shook the hand of pop royaity, ponder-ing whether the same fauximate location would have been chosen had the interviewer been Mrs Merton. She is attracted to such

settings, it seems, by the fatigue induced by an obsessively hands-on approach to her career. Butterfly was completed hazardously close to deadline, and Carey takes responsibility for that. By her admission, she is not at home to the word "delegation".

"I can't put my record in anybody else's hands because nobody else really cares as much as I do about it," she says. "Other producers are always moving on to the next project. That's why I co-produce everything that I do, because I don't really trust anybody's opinion or devotion to it as much as my own."

Such an attitude can either be seen as laudably realistic or something of a brush-off for the producers who helped her to prepare Butterfly for takeoff, including longtime side-man Walter Afanasieff and urban music's man of the moment, Sean "Puffy" Combs. Either way, the album is more soulful than any of its platinum-plated predecessors and lyrically, says Carey, it is closer to her true, vulnerable

There are some lyrics that are completely personal. I put it on and it calms me, I go to sleep with the album. I've never done that before. The other day I woke up to one of the songs and I almost can't believe I put it out — it's so personal.

"People are going to be so analytical about a lot of it because of what's been going on in my personal life, but even beyond that, it almost feels like I'm letting go of a part of me."

he speaks affectionate-ly of Close my Eyes, a reflective piece that, unlike many of her other ballads, does not come choked with cabaret sentimentality. In the song she describes herself as a womanchild who "was on the verge of fading/Thankfully I woke up

"That's not a reference to my marriage," she says swiftly. "I've had to be a grown-up since I was six years old. My mother worked two jobs. my brother was supposed to stay home and watch me and he was out doing his thing."

Her Venezuelan father and Irish-American, opera-singing mother divorced when Carey was a toddler. "I don't feel it's really appropriate to go into the dark craziness that went on in parts of my life," she says now, "Thank God I had, and have, a mother who encouraged and inspired me, and is one of the main reasons I'm here today.

"In the song I guess I was

studies, and the first draft of a anything but my best interests movie has just arrived. But whether on the silver screen or through freshly introspective lyrics, she is determined to thinking about how far I'd come, but how I was in so become known as herself.

"When you're in the middle of a huge corporate machine always struggling to feel OK people can tend to be very cautious if you allow them to be. It's not that anybody had

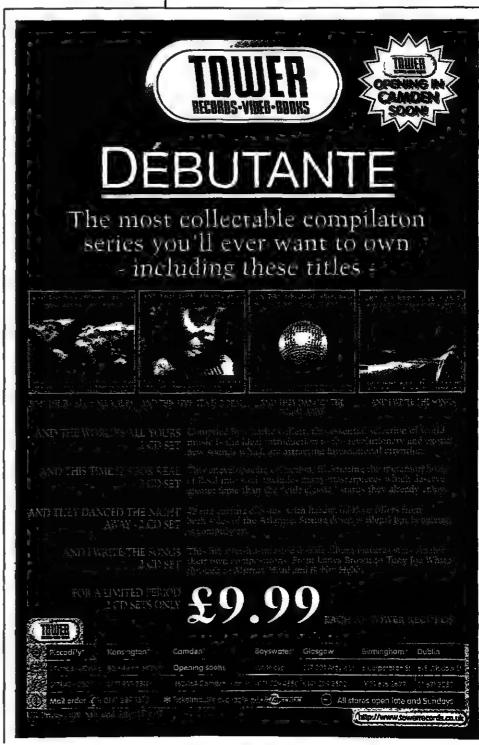
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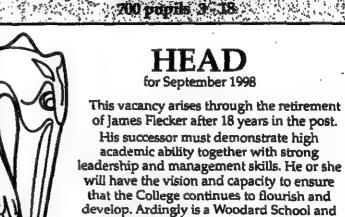
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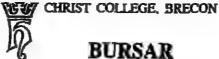
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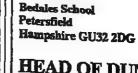
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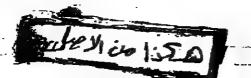
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argues John O'Leary

niversities breathed a collective sigh of relief when the Government agreed to introduce tuition fees in 1998. But when their vice-chancellors meet in Strathelyde next week, they will be as anxious as ever about what ministers term a funding "crisis" in higher education,

Anyone who believed that fees represented an instant solution to the serious financial problems identified by Sir Ron Dearing in July was swiftly disabused this week at a London conference organised by the vice-chancellors. A common lear was that universities would be lucky to see much money from fees this side of the millennium — if ever,

Faced with a funding gap of at least £200 million by 1998/99, vice-chancellors have sought in vain for a signal from min-isters that students would derive some benefit from their future sacrifices. Kim Howells, the Minister for Lifelong Learning, passed up an opportunity to reassure them on Tuesday, and the message is certain to be the same next week.

Diana Warwick, chief executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, had already put down a clear marker for Dr Howells, claiming a "strong consensus" among MPs as well as students and employers, that support for fees was conditional on a net gain for universities. "Tuition fees must result in a better-resourced higher sector. It won't have been worth it otherwise."

Dr Howells again acknowledged that universities faced a short-term crisis, but said he could not prejudge the Treasury's spending review. While accepting that universities needed the earliest possible indication of how much money they could expect, he gave no hint of a satisfactory resolution in November's Budget.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has guaranteed that iniversities and colleges will benefit when savings start to flow from the abolition of grants and the introduction of fees. But the Government's commitments and the Treasury's accounting rules make it far from certain when that will be.

The Chancellor's pledge to keep to the Conservatives' spending plans means that extra money will be available officially only in the next century. Unless there is a change of practice by the Treasury, all the additional loans made in place of grants will count as public expenditure, with no allowance made for future repayments.

The problem was foreseen by Sir Ron. who said in his report that the practice was "at variance with the facts" and recommended it be changed to make a realistic allowance for repayment. Nick Barr, an expert in the field at the London School of Economics, says the Treasury rules are unusually strict, internationally. and could be changed within the requirements of the Maastricht treaty.

However it is calculated, much of the projected saving is likely to go into setting. up the machinery needed for the new system. That could still leave a potentially disastrous funding gap for many universities over the next two years.

Sir Ron was acutely aware of this, too.



Some vice-chancellors believe that universities will be lucky to see much money from student fees

He emphasised in his foreword the universities" "pressing needs" for more funding in 1998 and 1999, putting their shortfall as high as £900 million by the end of the century.

Bahram Bekhradnia, director of policy at the Higher Education Funding Council for England, was only slightly more sanguine about the sector's short-term prospects at Tuesday's conterence. He put the immediate funding gap at £200 mil-lion and, referring to Dr Howells's use of the word "crisis", added: "I have never heard a Government describe the funding situation in a public service in those

Mr Bekhradnia said that, after a 40 per cent cut in funding per student over 20 years, the funding council acknowledged that the scope for further efficiency savings was limited. Anything more than a 1 per cent budget reduction would imply a cut in services even for the current number of students, and a rising 18-yearold population suggested the imminent

resumption of expansion recommended

The official attitude of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals is that the extra money will be forthcoming in the end. Since fees are already potentially unpopular, the Chancellor may not want to take further risks with public opinion, and leading university figures have decided that there is nothing to be gained by rocking the boat before the Budget.

But, beneath this bland exterior, frantic talks are still taking place. Next week's meeting will see the threat of top-up fees back on the CVCP's agenda, although the leadership will try to keep this ultimate weapon in reserve.

Today's edition of The Times Educational Supplement quotes a briefing paper for the conference that says: "It is important to keep the threat of top-up fees on the table, given the lack of assurances that additional funding for higher education will be provided in the short term." The committee refuses to comment on confidential papers, but acknowledges that any university has the right to vary its

The problem for those contemplating such a course is that the Government can also vary the amount of grant it allocates. There have been heavy hints in the past that any university levying its own fees on top of the Government's would be penalised so that it gained no advantag

Planning for the worst while hoping for the best, vice-chancellors have been drawing up plans for further economies if the private assurances that they have received turn out to be empty. Even at Cambridge University, for example, a strategic plan for 1997-2001 envisages the loss of about 60 academic jobs if there is

no increase in funding.

Cambridge is an obvious candidate for top-up fees, although the university has always seen them as a last resort. Others at the Strathclyde meeting may consider that they will have no alternative if the Budget fails to live up to expectations.

Schools can, and do, make a difference

Michael Barber challenges a report's claims that improvement in standards is random

A this week on the White Paper Excellence In Schools, there is a striking unanimity about the standards agenda the Government has put forward. The publication last week of a report, which openly questions the Government's emphasis on raising literacy and numeracy standards, provided a rare voice of dissent.

The report, from Peter Robinson, a research officer at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics (The Times, September 5), is welcome because it de-mands that the Government not only states its policy, but also spells out the rationale on which it is based.

Dr Robinson raises two issues that must be addressed: first, the relative impact of any educational intervention on pupil achievement. Secondly, whether greater attention should be given to the performance of low achievers.

The first argument relies on evidence from two surveys, the 1970 British Cohort survey and the 1958 National Child Development Study. From these, one can analyse factors associated with low achievement in literacy and numeracy. Dr Robinson acknowledges that this leaves him examining the impact of primary schools from 1963 to 1969 and from 1975 to 1981, a significant problem, when it comes to determining policies for the late Nineties, but the weaknesses go deeper than that.

The surveys he cites demonstrate the importance of social class as a predictor of pupil performance. Their weakness is that they do nothing to explain why children with identical socio-economic backgrounds do well in some schools and badly in others. Are we to understand that this occurs merely at random. and that nothing the school can do can make a difference?

Surely this is absurd. The fact that Dr Robinson is unable to find a causal link between any school improvement intervention and a change in standards does not mean there isn't one. It may simply be that he has not looked hard enough. After all, research into school effectiveness and into school improvement has shown that there is a school effect. Good schools combine strong leadership and academic focus, teaching quality, high expectations, and discipline among others to raise achievement beyond what might otherwise be predicted. The importance of these factors is reinforced where schools combine them, and work to bring about improvement.

Worse still, Dr Robinson's report manages to bypass three decades of literary research, which has shown what works for schools in improving pupils' performance; interactive wholeclass teaching, better-focused group reading in class, direct teaching of phonics and more sustained listening by parents to children reading at home. Research demonstrates that these approaches work.

Dr Robinson similarly ignores the research on numeracy. We need to ask why these studies get such little billing in a report that claims to be on literacy and numeracy. If he had spent more

time on this evidence, he would surely have developed a new understanding about how to improve standards. It is possible, with strategic thinking, to combine a range of interventions, all of which have a positive impact on standards. The Government's literacy and numeracy strategy, the details of which will be announced shortly, does precisely this. It is not necessary to choose between training teachers to teach better reading, encouraging reading at home and promoting literacy through the media. We can and will do all three over the next five years.

Thinking about education in general needs to make a similar shift. To those who ask "Should we address disadvantage, or improve schools?", we would answer "Why not do both?"

The Government will, with its part-ners in education, drive ahead with its standards agendu. Through the new cross-Whitehall social exclusion unit



Barber: "Report ignores research"

and other initiatives, it will also attack poverty and disadvantage.

To those who ask, as Dr Robinson does: "Should our focus be on average performance or the performance of the long tail of underachievers?", we would answer "both". The literacy strategy will deliver training and support for all schools and intensive training and support for those that need it most. At a time when it is critical to reassert the contribution of good teachers, head teachers and schools. Dr Robinson's analysis threatens to deny that they make a contribution at all. The analysis harks back to the social determinism of the Sixties, when we were told that schools did not make a difference, Nothing, surely, can do more damage to morale than being told that, however hard you work, it makes no difference. In effect, this is Dr Robinson's message.

The Government's view is the opposite. Teachers have awesome responsibility. They shape the next generation. From Government will come a combination of pressure to succeed and support to make success possible. It can

Professor Michael Barber is head of the Standards and Effectiveness Unit at the Department for Education and Employment

How to soften the shock of the new

ith a new school come fresh anxieties. Whether the sem from finding classrooms or making friends, switching schools brings a satchel full of worries.

But the problems can be overcome. Weeks before the start of term, Elizabeth Piper went with her 11-year-old daughter to look around claire's new school. "Claire as worried she wouldn't know which entrance to se," Mrs Piper says. On passing her 11-plus,

Claire took the bus by herself for the first time to a "taste day" at the grammar school for girls. The next day the Ripers met her new teachers. Claire's school career has been chequered, so her parents have done all they can to smooth the path. Before her sate primary Claire was at a private school near by. Then her family, from Hildenborough, was hit by the reces-son. Removing her was a big step." her mother says. Now we feel we've got to where we wanted to be. where we wanted to be, without the cost. Claire didn't seem to notice, and still sees friends from her old

The switch from a private to a state school was harder for their eldest son, Mark. now 13. He had been educated privately for three years when the move came soon after his seventh birthday. His new classmates made fun of the way he spoke," his nother says. He felt an oddbod, but we ignored it. Had it gone over the top, we'd

Changing schools need not cause

trauma, says

Morag Preston lems become too serious for parents to cope with, LEA schools offer the services of a visiting welfare officer.
Ruth Molyneux, 16, sur-

prised her parents, who live near Tonbridge, by announcing that she wanted to



All change: Ruth Molyneux

change schools for A levels. Having applied for various prospectuses. Ruth set her sights on the local boys' grammar, which takes girls the sixth form.

Her mother, Penny, says: -It was entirely her decision and we supported her. The practical side is that the school is nearer our home. and its name will look good

on her CV. Six other girls from Ruth's have done something."
In such cases, when prob-

applied to switch. Her younger brother. Tom, is already at her new school, and Ruth had been with her mother to see a sixth-form play there. After an interview Ruth was offered a place, conditional on five GCSEs at Grade A. Had she not come up trumps, she would have had

to stay put.
"Ruth's last day at the school was very emotional for her." Mrs Molyneux says. "She didn't know whether she would be going back there. But she wanted to broaden her horizons." Sarah Knowles, 7, has

enough new pencil cases to take her through to university. They were an effective incentive for her first day at primary school. Her mother, Catherine, says: "She got ready incredibly quickly. and was waiting at the door half an hour before we were due to leave." Sarah's new school is a

hop and a skip from her previous playground, but she still had concerns. Her father, David, from Chatham, says: "Homework had been mentioned and Sarah had been working on her spelling during the holidays, but I think she was looking forward to it. Staying with the same circle of friends has been the key."

About 80 per cent of Sarah's classmates from her first school have made the move with her. They spent an introductory morning at the school before the holidays, and their parents were given a tour that afternoon. "She knew what to expect," says her father.

Primaries thrive on technology link

wo years ago, Sue Parsons, head of the 66-pupil Llanfihangel Rhydithon Primary School in Powys, acknowledged that small rural schools lack the expertise and resources to teach technology effectively.

At first she thought of

employing a part-time specialist to introduce the subject at key stage 2. Then she had Brian Heard, head of the local secondary school ten miles away at Liandrindod Wells.

"I offered to buy in expertise from the high school," she says. "I thought we could help each other." From that small beginning, Llandrindod Wells High School now helps its ten

feeder primaries to deliver the national curriculum's technology requirements. For a fee of £24 an hour. Graham Haslock and Eddie Jones, Liandrindod's technology teachers, introduce the intricacies of computing, design and model-making. Pupils are either bussed in

to the school, where they spend two hours a week at the £250,000 technology centre, or, as in the case of Llanfihangel, Mr Jones travels to the primary school.

Their technology programme, which currently focuses on making wind chimes and water wheels, fits into our term topic of water," Mrs Parsons says. "We are also having a community hall built and the pupils have been using the computer to make architectural plans of the building."

Another feeder primary,

Nantmel School, is equally

Iola Smith on

the high school that came to

the rescue

enthusiastic about the technology link. "It is a tremendous asset." says Alis Hobbs. teacher of junior age children at the small 32-pupil primary school. "Our pupils use Llandrindod's equipment and they are designing model bridges and buggies, using

'Children appreciate exploring projects that they otherwise could not do'

computer-aided design and modelling kits. The work has certainly stretched them." Without Llandrindod's as-

sistance, Nantmel would not be able to offer such a broad design curriculum. The school has only 15 children in years 4, 5 and 6 combined. It would therefore have been impossible to obtain the requisite equipment unaided.

Some of the other participating primaries have chosen to design towers and new bedrooms. "Each design has to fit into a budget," Mr Haslock says. "The pupils

maths as well as computeraided design. If any venture goes over budget, the children have to choose what they leave out."

Pupils are also interested in automation. They learn how to control the opening and shutting of doors and the operation of traffic lights. "What the children appreciate about these sessions is that they have the chance to ex-plore projects that they other-wise could not do," Mr Haslock says.

The curriculum is not the only beneficiary, however. The primary/secondary link makes the transition at 11 to the big school much less traumatic for the youngsters. Settling in at a comprehensive can be daunting for children familiar with the cosy comfort of a small village school. But the Powys children have visited the high school and got to know some of the staff and their working methods.

The high school, in turn, has become familiar with its future intake and is aware of the standards that individual pupils can achieve.
This month Llandrindod's

technology centre is being munity and a visitor centre is promoting scientific and technological awareness.

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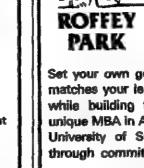
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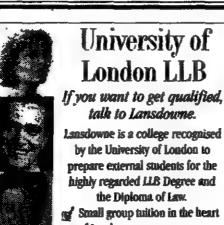
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Battle to be best of the rest goes down to the wire

By Russell Kempson

IT KICKED off on April 24 last year, when Greece beat Slovenia 2-0, Yugoslavia de-feated the Faeroe Isles 3-1 and Macedonia overcame Liechtenstein 3-0. Europe's 49 representatives set off on the World Cup trail, full of hope and expectation, yet it was always destined to end in tears for all bar the select 14 who will join France, the hosts, in

When the qualifying rounds conclude on October 11, nine group winners will have booked safe passage into the closing stages of the sport's premier tournament. Norway. Bulgaria and Romania have already done so: Denmark, Austria, Holland and Germany are but a hair's-breadth away; Spain or Yugo-slavia, and England or Italy, will accompany them.

Four play-off victors will go. too, but it is the title of best runners-up, which also carries automatic entry to France, that has caused so much confusion and consternation. It is a puzzle of Rubik's Cube proportions — calculated by considering the results against the first, third and fourthplaced teams in each group and it will need a computer when the great and good of Fifa, the game's world governing body, gather in Zurich to view their handiwork next

Until Wednesday, Austria and England appeared to hold the most likely claims to finish first of the seconds. Austria. then beat Belarus i-0 to take over the leadership of group four, pushing aside Scotland, England rolled over Moldova 4-0 to assume control of group two, as Italy were held 0-0 in Georgia,

Hypothesising over such a tangle of possibilities — as to who will emerge as the leading runners-up - is fraught with danger. Deeper analysis does little to ease the stresses and strains of everyday life. either. It is a dirty job ... but someone's got to do it.

In group one, Denmark should either win or draw in Greece and secure first place. Croatia's likely victory away to Slovenia will not be enough to avoid the play-offs.

Patriotic myopia clearly decrees that, in group two,

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☐ Records based on results against first, third and fourth-groups. Figures in brackets indicate qualifying group.

England should return from Rome with at least a point thus condemning Italy to take the same route as Croatia. If England lose against Italy, they will tread the same path, too. It is unlikely that they can now head the runners-up

Norway have secured the group three honours, with Hungary needing to steer clear of defeat against Finland to take second place. A halfshare in Helsinki will do the trick, but Hungary's runnersup record is poor. Whoever they draw in the ensuing twolegged tie, they will do well to progress further

Austria should complete a swift double over Belarus to secure group four, but Scotland's expected romp against Latvia will be similarly significant. It should give them the lead in the runners-up table with 13 points, unlock the key of the door and allow Crais Brown, the coach, to don his beret, strap onions to the handlebars and pedal furiously for Paris.

Bulgaria are champions of group five and Russia second. the outcome decided by Buigaria's 1-0 success in Sofia on



Brown: well placed

Wednesday, Russia will probably reverse the result in Moscow, but it will be meaningless. Eleven points, in the runners up equation, will not be enough.

in group six, Spain and Yugoslavia are separated only by goals scored. However,

If Turkey win in Holland in group seven and Belgium somehow fail to wallop Wales. there will be Turkish delight aplenty - perhaps because of goal difference - in the Bosphoros. It won't happen, though, even in the wildest dreams of Bobby Gould, the Wales manager. Belgium will narrowly miss out on the best runners-up berth.

Ireland have clinched second spot behind Romania in group eight, barring a freak of statistical nature, and are already contemplating a third successive appearance in the finals, via the play-offs. Albania will not stop Germany's solid if unimpressive advance in group nine, while Portugal, brushing aside Northern Ireland, will overhaul Ukraine at the last moment.

So Scotland for France, through the side door? If only it were that simple. Should Moldova win their final two matches and Georgia register Italy would suddenly discover two more points to go towards ing them 14, one more than Scotland. Craig Brown's beret would have to go back on the peg for a bit longer.



Suker, left, of Croatia, takes on Helveg in the 3-1 defeat by Denmark on Wednesday

Ireland's ground for concern

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN the Ireland squad arrived back at Dublin airport from their World Cup qualifying match victory in Lithuania, at a bleary-eyed 5.30 yesterday morning, there were few supporters to greet them. Commuters and holidaymakers went about their business but most were oblivious to the triumphant return of Mick McCarthy, the team's manager, and his players.

in 1990 and 1994, the terminal had been packed when Jack Charlton and his men returned from the World Cup finals. They were treated like heroes and feted long into the night and the months

Mick McCarthy, Charlton's successor as Ireland manager, believes that he has rarely received the credit that his efforts have deserved. After the 2-1 win in Vilnius on Wednesday night, perhaps recognition and adulation are just around the corner. (reland will almost certainly

finish as runners-up in group eight, behind Romania, and take part in the two-legged play-offs that will decide the last four European teams to progress to the finals in France next year. Technically, Lithuania could still deny hem, but they have a vastly inferior goal difference. There is a potential prob-

lem, though. The second leg of the play-off, on November 15, clashes with Ireland's rugby union international against New Zealand at Lansdowne Road. The Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU), which leases the ground to the Football Association of Ireland (FAI), is unable to reschedule the rugby match. If Ireland are drawn at home for the first ieg, on October 29, the problem will not arise.

Bernard O'Byrne, the FAI chief executive, is to ask Fifa, football's world governing body, about the possibility of delaying the match by 48 hours, until the following Monday. "I have to speak some more with the IRFU, but there would seem to be no logistical reason why we couldn't stage another major sporting event back-to-back with the All Blacks," he said. "The only problem is clearing the ground of litter, which is

why Monday night would be better than Sunday." McCarthy has suggested switching the game to the 67,000-capacity Croke Park, home of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA). "Where else is big enough if we can't have Lansdowne Road?" he said. "I know it has never been asked before, but if we have nowhere else to go, I'm asking for it now."

Scots take comfort from group therapy BY KEVIN McCARRA

IT IS rare enough for Scotland to surpass England and perhaps unique that they should do so without stepping on to on a football field. A fine 40 victory over Moldova may have left England knowing that a draw in Italy will be sufficient to secure a place at the World Cup finals, but, north of the border, the prospects are even rosier.

Instead of hoping to survive a night in the Olympic Stadium in Rome, would it not be far more satisfying to realise that a mere win over Latvia at home was required? Such is the position, more or less, in which Scotland now find themselves after the tortuous joys of Wednesday evening. Supporters who were trying to keep track of the implications of results in qualifying

matches across Europe suffered several mood swings. To begin with, there was cloom. Austria won 1-0 in Belarus, making it probable that they will win group four. mexpected results turned second place in group four into something of a beauty spot Slovakia drew I-I with Yugoslavia. Italy were held by Georgia in Tbilisi, Denmark defeated Croatia 3-1 and Rus-

sia lost 1-0 in Bulgaria.

Accordingly, if Scotland overcome Latvia on October Il at Easter Road, they will probably claim the automatic place reserved for the best runners-up in the European qualifying groups — possibly at England's expense — although the complex qualification format dictates that Italy

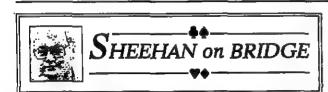
cannot be discounted. The agonies of arithmetic slowly led Scotland supporters to jubilation. It is almost time for them to recognise the good fortune that was concealed in the distress of their 0-0 draw with Estonia.

Two points were dropped on that occasion, but they had been surrendered to a nation outside the top four in the group and do not come into the reckoning when the com-parison with other runners-up

A population that had been forced to sit the equivalent of a maths exam may, however, have been relieved to hear Craig Brown, the man state that Scotland had better fix its thoughts on the simple. essential task of beating

WORLD CUP DETAILS MATCHES TO COME: Oct 11: Greace GROUP FOUR

SOUTH AMERICA: Argentine, Colombia, Paraquay, One from Peru, Chile, Bolivia and Uruguay France and Brazil quality as host nation



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the refresher last week, we saw how the correct play was an unusual high card from dummy at trick one. This week, we will look at a situation where the correct play is an unusual low card.

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Lead: terr of hearts back to dummy to cash your

As in the hand last week, you have nine tricks: established winners. one spade. two hearts. one club and five diamonds ward. You must play low from once you have knocked out dummy at trick one. Win the the ace. The problem is that lead with your ace. Now knock the North hand is short of

Suppose you make the "normal" play of the queen of hearts from dummy. If East played the king, you would have no further problems. You could win, knock out the ace of diamonds and later use the jack of hearts as an entry to the established winners.

out the ace of diamonds. There is no return that can damage you. East's best defence is to play a club. You win with the ace and play a heart. West can win but is helpless. Sooner or later you will get to dummy to cash your five diamond winners ☐ For details of The Times

The solution is straightfor-

Midland Private Banking But what if East does not National Bridge Challenge, play the king of hearts (either call the organisers on 0181-942 because he doesn't have it or because he is a shrewd defend-☐ Robert Sheehan writes on er)? Dummy's queen will win, you will knock out the ace of

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend diamonds but have no entry section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SHAKESPEAREANS BEVIS a. A boy b. A rebel c. A peasant LYSANDER a. A general b. A twin

PINCH a. A clown's dog b. A charlatan c. A fairy BASSET a. A servant b. A hound c. A Lancastrian

Answers on page 42



CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Early leader

One of the dark-horse prospects for the Smith & Williamson British championship at Hove was Tony Kosten, the grandmaster now resident in France. With two rounds to go, Kosten was well placed, but then lost in swift succession to Sadler and Adams, the eventual co-champions.

In the game today, Kosten reveals his main strength, the ability to ourwit powerful opponents in tactical situations. Black's sixteenth move was a particularly fine stroke of this nature.

White: Joe Gallagher Black: Tony Kosten Smith & Williamson British Championship, August 1997

Vienna Game Nc3 7 d3 0-0 Nc5 24 Cb4 25 Od4

26 Kvg2 27 Oxt2 Clg6 Kh8 30 Kh2 Rxt2+ Oxg3+ Oxf2 31 Ptvt2



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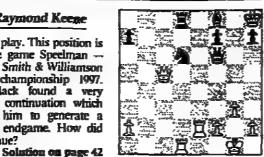
search Campaign. The event will be opened by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Roger Cork, at 4.30pm. To secure your table, please call the organiser, Michael Savory, of Midland Stockbrokers, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA (tel: 0171-260 5051, fax: 0171-260 0592). I will be donating a commemorative book to every

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Speelman --Plaskett, Smith & Williamson British championship 1997. Here Black found a very accurate continuation which allowed him to generate a winning endgame. How did he continue?



BRISTOL: Comhill Dred English over-55 championships: Singles: Berni-finalis: C Owen (Culvarden, Turbridge Wels) bt S Bensky (North Welshem) 21-17, C Haydon (Swindon Westecon) bt L Whatehouse (Vines Park, Droitwicht 21-20, Final-Haydon bt Owen 21-14 Pairs: Semi-finalis: A Peacock, and L Went (Parman's, Essai) bt J Walsh and J Godiney (Tally Ho), Brimmphanig 23-15; M Truran and Gooding (St Francis: Sussoid bt J Davies and Gooding (St Francis: Sussoid bt J Davies and R Smith (Kingston, Yorkshee) 25-12; Finals: Peacock, and Went bt Truran and Gooding 28-8

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in will take at least four points from their remaining games against Slovakia and the Faeroe Isles, thereby rendering useless Yugoslavia's anticipated mauling of Malta. their one remaining game. Savo Milosevic, Aston Villa's Yugoslavia striker, must entertain thoughts of two more

BOWLS

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP; Second day of three: Old Trafford: Lancacine 370-8 doc IS P Techard 72, G Yales 60 M J Chillem 56); Surey 72 (0 J Shedford 6-20) and 129 (0 J Shedford 4 IB) Lancachine son by an immors and 169 rus. Cholmetord: Exec 94 IP Alded 6-35) and 52 (P Alded 5-34, IK J Dean 5-13). Dorbythis 47-8 dec JU Blackmol 81, G M Robert 54 no J Spendlove 54) Derbythira won by an immors and 201 rure.

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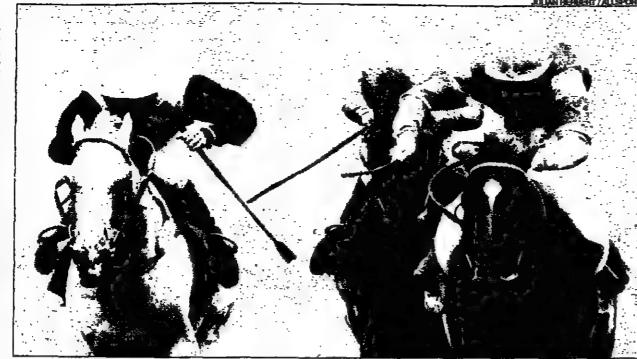
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THE main sponsor at Doncaster yesterday was the Great Eastern Railway. proudly described as the fastest line in the land. If they want to cut the time from London to Edinburgh still further they should ask Kieren Fallon if he could do a shift in the driver's cab.

The season's leading jockey generated course records in successive races, instilling in Canon Can and Midnight Line some of the confidence and aggression that is giving his championship bid such momentum. It remains, by contrast, a case of leaves on the line for Frankie Dettori, who now trails by 133 winners to 140 - and had to surrender his last ride after hurting his thumb when Noisette stum-bled leaving the stalls in the Kyoto Sceptre Stakes. He is expected to resume today.

Fallon gives no quarter, and was certainly not prey to any unnecessary sentiment as Canon Can humbled two of the most popular Flat horses of recent years in the GNER Doncaster Cup. Double Trigger, who so labours in the lead, always looks like he is on the point of surrender - but those who sent him off at oddson know that he always finds

This time, however, it really was the white flag. Harried by Canon Can, he folded quickly in the straight as Persian Punch and the other great public favourite. Further Flight, went in fruitless pursuit. I thought I'd go and annoy him, be a thorn in his side," Fallon said. "That's the only way to get him beaten."



Canon Can, right, holds off Further Flight in the Great North Eastern Railway Doncaster Cup yesterday

just becoming obsessed by his image. Michael Roberts, his rider, protested to the stewards that his mount was distracted by the Channel 4 tracking camera, which was being driven alongside the rails. But the South African also admitted that he was "never stretching out" like he can, and the course vet subsequently found Double Trigger to have an abnormally low

heart-rate, The winner has an abnormally big heart, and he will need it, too, when he carries stone in the Tote

Perhaps Double Trigger is Cesarewitch - in which he was beaten two necks under 7st i3lb last year. "He was a weak horse then," Fallon said. "He has got a lot stronger since, and will be better again next year." William Hill offers 10-1 (from 21-1) against the

new favourite. Canon Can was a seventh Doncaster Cup winner for Henry Cecil, Fallon's employer and evidently a man in helpful form for the autumn. Cecil's status in ourf history, as one of the great modern trainers, has long been safely assured. But Midnight Line's success, his eleventh in the

May Hill Stakes, provided a further reminder of his genius - and particular definess with

Having won a desperately close verdict at Goodwood last time, Midnight Line collared Flawless, who wavered as her relative inexperience told, by half a length. But Cecil said: "She was looking around in the first half of the race, being on the outside, and she is still a bit of a baby. Once they straightened up, she started to race and showed herself to be very tough and genuine."

The day's third group three race was also won by a

multiple champion trainer. Kamil Mahdi, who plied his trade with great success in his native Kuwait for 25 years, has been trying his luck in Newmarket since May and en-joyed a third win when Almushtarak, unlucky on nu-

merous occasions this season. finally got all the breaks in the

Britain's Fastest Railway Park

☐ The Godolphin-owned Swain, quoted at 41 for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp next month by William Hill, runs in the Doubleprint Arc Trial at Newbury next Thursday.

Daggers Drawn has pace to provide cutting edge

CHANNEL4

2.05: Musalsal can overcome a 97-day absence since run-ning in the Derby. He had previously been a good third to Benny The Dip in the Dante Stakes and that form reads better than anything else on offer. Faithful Son looked potentially smart when winning his first two starts this term, but disappointed at Goodwood last time. However, today's longer trip and fast ground should be in his favour and

he is the principal threat. 2.35: Multicoloured has not run since finishing a good second to Sasuru in the Gordon Richards Stakes in April. A reproduction of that form would give him a sound chance. Memorise was unlucky not to win at Goodwood last time and the form was boosted at Epsom last week when the winner, Maylane, won the September Stakes, However, I just prefer Busy Flight, who won this race last year and is reported to be in top form. The four-year-old showed his wellbeing when winning at Newbury last month and his front-running tactics can pay in this small field.

3.05: The form of Saratoga Springs' comfortable victory in the Acomb Stakes at York has been boosted by the subsequent success of the fourth, Teapot Row, and if Mutawwaj wins the opener here confidence will grow in Aiden O'Brien's raider. The Irish runner has arguably

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

achieved more than Daggers Drawn, but Henry Cec-il's best juvenile looks open to considerable improvement. Unbeaten in two starts, he impressed when landing the Richmond Stakes, travelling well during the race and quickening decisively. To-day's exta furlong will suit. Carrowkeel beat Bold Fact in the Gimerack Stakes and is another who will appreciate

RICHARD EVANS

today's longer trip.

Nap: FERNY HILL (3.35 Doncaster) Next best: Almutawakel (2.40 Goodwood)

3.35: Ferny Hill has im-proved with every run and opened his account at Newcastle last time when staying on well over today's trip. He had previously been creditable second to Captain Scott and the form looks solid. Docklands Limo led two furlangs out in the Ebor Handicap at York and a return to the distance at which he won the Ulster Derby will help.

BBCI

2.40: Almutawakel, to be ridden by Frankie Dettori, is just preferred to Alboostan. unbeaten Godolphin runner was not hard pressed to beat Mijana, the emphatic winner of a listed race at Kempton on Wednesday. and a form line involving Due South suggests the Machiavellian colt should come out on top.

3.10: Mashhaer looks fairly treated for his handicap debut after showing respectable form in conditions events this term and is well drawn for Richard Quinn, Mihriz scored with ease at Salisbury five weeks ago but that was on easier ground. If the ground remains fast, Present Situation still looks on the right side of the handicapper after winning well at Epsom 18 days ago. The six-year-old runs well at this track and should not be inconvenienced by this slightly longer trip.

3.40: Mamalik, runner-up to Starborough in the Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly has not raced since disappointing in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, but would have every chance if bouncing back to his best after an 87-day absence. However. Kahal looks a safer proposition after a good effort to finish fourth in a group one race in France a month ago. Latalomne and Egoli will have to improve to trouble the principals.

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DONCASTER

1,30 Prolix 2.05 Faithful Son 2.35 Memorisa

3.05 SARATOGA SPRINGS (nep) 2.35 Colestial Choir 4.10 Cross The Border

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

Our Newmerket Correspondent: 3.35 DOCKLANDS LIMO (nap).

DRAW: 5F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 AMCO CORPORATION MAIDEN STAKES 4 CITY MONOLAS 28 (R Sangster) P Chappie-Hyern 9-0 . J Reid: 104 DOUBLE BLADE (2nd Middleham Persanship) M Johnston 9-8 . M Roberts 35 JOHAS NIGHTIENGALE 16 (R Cerur C Cyar 9-0 . K Folion 90 KAHTAN (18 -Machour) J Dunilog 9-0 . Phil Eddary 32 NIGHTIENGALE (Gederjön) S bin Surger 9-0 . R HEEL [T]

2.05 RJB MINING CONDITIONS STAKES (27,020: 1m 21 60yd) (5 runners) (2) 1125 FATTEFUL SON 41 (EF,G,5) (M al-Maktourn) M Stoute 3-8-1 J Reid (1) 5-1-130 MKSALSAL 97 (C,F,6) (M al-Maktourn) B Hills 3-6-15 M Hills 104 (1) 2-2110 ALEZAL 87 (S) H Spooner) W Jervis 3-6-9 S Sanders 89 (4) 12-4263 YAM-ERSKY 75 (V Schornel) J Dunkep 3-8-9 J Wesner 99 (3) 1-5 FASCHMATTHO (RYTHM 35 (BF.5) OH Springfield Lia) H Creat 3-8-4 W Ryant 80+ (1) 9-4 Faschmiting Rhythm 11-4 Fauthol Son, 7-2 Muscheni, 9-2 Alexal, 7-1 Yarkersley 1996: FOREST SUCK 3-8-9 A McSiene (1) 1-11 H Creat 8-9-201 (2) 1125 FAITHFUL SON 41 (SF,GLS) (M at Maktourn) M Stoute 3-9-1 .

Faithful Son 4% I Sth to Cape Cross in 1m Boodwood stakes (good to 5mm) Museksal 2018th to Benny The Dip or 15m Epsom group i Derby (good) Yaviensky 4l 3rd to Jaunity Jack in 15m San Sito Ilated stakes (haavily). Fescinating Rhymm 16l 5th to Anno Luce in 15m Newmarkel listed stakes from

FAITHFUL SON has the best form and will refrsh this galloping track

2.35 0 & K TROY STAKES (Listed race: £10,937: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

FORM FOCUS

Bluey Flight beat Yorkshire 11 in 1½m Newbury stakes (good to film) Key To My Heart 471 8th to Further Flight in 1mSi Chester Nandicap (soil) Multisoloured 2% 2nd in Sauru in 1¼m Sandows grows it stakes (good to soil). Memorise ½12nd to Maytane in 1½m Goodwood hamilicap (good to film).

1986: BUSY PLIGHT 3-8-6 M HILLS (5-1) 8 Hills 9 mm

MEMORISE is test improving and his second to Maytane looks smart form

3.05 LAURENT-PERRIER ROSE CHAMPAGNE STAKES

(CITOUP II. 2-1-U, 13-9,312, 71) (3 Interior)

401 (5) 141 CARROWACEL 23 (6,5) (Scholm At Alattoum) 8 Hills 9-0 ... K Falton 125

402 (4) 11 DASGERS DRAWN AS (F.6) (Cheeden Stud) H Cacal 9-0 ... K Falton 125

403 (1) 512 DOCKSSDER 44 (D.F) (F Bernstock) / Hills 8-10 ... M Hills 131

404 (2) 3121 SARATOCA SPRINGS 34 (V.D.S) (M Tabor) A P O'Prinn (Pro) 8-10 M J Kinane 131

405 (3) 02244 STONE OF DESTRIYY 7 (8) (Plean) B Mesham 9-10 ... K Darley 105

8ETTING: 4-5 Daggers Drawn, 3-1 Sandags Springs, 4-1 Carrowacel 12-1 Docksdor 33-1 Spore Of Destany

1998: BAHHARE 8-10 W Carson (4-6 bry) J Dunlop 4 can

Carrowkeel beal Bold Fact 141 in 61 York group if states (good)
Daggers Drawn beat Lord Kintyre 1141 in 61 Goodwood group if states (good to firm) Docksider 31 2nd to Central Park in 71
Goodwood group III states (good to firm). Saratogs Springs beat Chester House 51 in 71 York states (good). Stone Of Destiny 4141 4th to Name Of Love in 71 Epsom marden states (good) SARATOGA SPRINGS has more solid form than Daggers Drawn and gets a handy 4th

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course and distance women BF—beaton forocasto in batest raze). Going on which horse has non of—Britt, good to farm, band. G—good. S—soft, good to soft, beaton, Owner in braceless. Transer. Age and weight. Ridde plus any allowance. Tirretemper's speed rading.

3.35 JOY UK HANDICAP (£4,800; 1m 4f) (16 ninners)

1980: 879LLO 3-8-11 II, Durley (5-1) L. Commo 13 rgs

Warhibe Sames 8941 Sin to Present Arms to 114m Ascet handleage (good) with My Learned Friend (3th better oil) 138 9th and Catestial Choir (seed). 2011 25th, 101s Grood) with My Learned Friend (3th better oil) 138 9th and Catestial Choir (seed). 2011 12th, 101s Green 22 tast of 4 to Subhme Beauty in 116m Emerich states (firm) Docthards Limp 5947 7th to Far Ahead in 116m York handscap (good) Remand Sun 644 6th to Dance So Sorte in 116m Epsom handicap (good) Elbanha reck 2nd to Debutante Days in 116m Levester filters handleap (good in 18m) Alegac Combination 131 9th to Media Star in 19nn Goodwood handleap (good to firm), Fenny Hill best With Rith 111 115m Neversalles states (good to limit) Catestatis 12.8 filth to Times Cheers in 1m516 Neumanhet kisted states (good) Phinchinche 5941 4th to Dantissque (6th nome oil) to 19km Varmouth intried states (good to firm).

FFRMY HILL is the least emoved numer and comes from a yard in good form

4.10 FENNER CONVEYOR BELTING HANDICAP

BETTIME, 7-1 Causs The Border B-1 Lurd high Adminal. 10-1 Shakkayliniy, Tinscan Chann, The Happy Fatt, 12-1 White Even, Purple Find, Swam At Withdiley, The Wald, 14-1 others. 1986: SLAPPRISE MASSIENI 4-9-5 A Cultime (14-1) Mrs J Ramaden 21 can

4.40 SUN PRINCESS LIF CHALLENGE TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,950: 1m md) (3 runners)

BETTING, 4-6 Resept. 11-6 Bathan, 16-1 Resept.

1985, KAMMEARRA 9-0 L Delton (7-3) 5 Ion Swor 9 ion

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Doncaster Going; good to firm

Goins; good to firm
2.05 (1m) 1, LEND A HAND (J Weever
8-1), 2. Rebsh (R Hills, 12-1), 3. The
Glow-Worm (Pat Eddery, 14-1); 4. Nim's
Brave (K Dariey, 16-1), ALSO RAN 11-2
fav Monsajem (Sth), 8 After The Rain, 9
Royal Bounty, 12 Tarashsan, 14 Bobbydazzle, Chrinader (Sth) Saddiers Roe,
Tensile, 16 Balaclava, Navasiv, 20
Balance The Books, Buzz, 25 Nigri Flyer,
Panema House, 33 Narrogin, Praelorier
Gold, 50 Ledy Yavanna 21 ren, NR
Legend of Love Mowbray, Taka A Turn,
191, 291, 191, 191, 191 M Johnston at
Middlaham Tote 63.0, 51.60, 23.50
23.40, 510,30 DF: 548.20 Trio 5324.30
CSF 523.65 Tricast 51.260.89
2.35 (1m) 1, ALMUSHTARAK (R Coch-CSF £93.65 Tricast £1.260 69.

2.35 (1m) 1. ALMUSHTARAK (R Cochrane, 25-1), 2. Decorated Hero (L Detton, 9-4 (L-4x), 3. Sernara (Pat Eddery, 11-1), ALSO RAN 9-4 (L-4x) Poteen (4th.), 7 in Command, hwarans (5th.), 9. Hawksley Hill (6th.), 14 Captain Collins & ran. NFT Centre Stalls Nk, hd, %1 24, %4, K Mahdu at Newmarket, Tote £28.50, £4.10, £1.30, £2.70 DF £27.50, Tho: £99.70 CSF £74.77

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3.10 (2m 2f) 1, CANON CAN (K Fellon, 6-1), 2, Persian Punch (T Cultin, 13-2); 3. Purther Flight (M Hills, 9-2), ALSO RAN 8-13 fav Double Trigger (4th), 33 Old Rouvel (5th) 5 ran, 131, nk 5, 14l H Cecil at Newmarkel. Tote £5 60; £1 80, £2.30. DF £13 00 CSF, £36 57.

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3.40 (1m) 1. Mil'ONIGHT LINE (K Fallon, 3-1 tav); 2. Flawfess (G Duffield, 12-1); 3. Glorosia (L Dettori, 100-30). ALSO RAN; 7-2 Virtucus (4th). 5. Ahrary (5th), 12 Hadayli, (5th). 14 Admire, 20 Optimistic, 33 Belladera. 9 ran. ½1, 31, 21, 1½, sh. hd. H Cecil et Newmarket. Tote: £3,30, £1 50, 1

C2 70, £1.80 DF £22.60 Tno £33 70. CSF £36 77

CSF. C31 74

4.40 (71) 1. SAFIO (D Wingh, 8-1 law), 2
Al Mutallim (Pat Eddery, 9-1) 3. Mr Telgh, 1/Fortune, 10-1), 4. Cybertechnology IM Hills, 11-1) ALSO RAN-9 Elitand, 10
Raahs, 11-1) ALSO RAN-9 Elitand, 10
Raahs, 11-1) ALSO RAN-9 Elitand, 10
Amutumm, Nomore Mr Nuceury, Terrium, Volley (Shi), 20 Blane Water, Mr Borgerac, O Factor, 25 Final Stab, 33 Mutilitover, Musick House, Rich in Love, Top Banena, 20 guid 21 ran NR Suatisch -1, bd. shi bd. nk, nk A Bailey at Tarportery Total (57.0), 12 80, C2 00, C2 30, C2 50 DF 219 60 Trio 572,00 CSF 247 28 Tricsst: C501 18

Jackpot: not won (pool of £105,516.30 carned forward to Doncaster today). Placepot £461.70. Ouadpot: 260.60.

Chepstow

Going: good

2.15 (1m 3) 36yd) 1 Kewarra (M Fenton
10-11, 2, Bubble Wings (16-1), 3,
Monument (14-1), 4 Regal Reprimand (811, Routontaine 6-1 lav 16 ran Sh hot,
14i B Mittinan Tota £15-80, £3-10,
53-20, £6.80 £1-90 DF £239-60, Tho,
£440-50 (part won Pool of £105.49) Going: good

carried ionizard to Doncaster 3.35 loday). CSF £132.87. Tricast £2,039.02. 2.45 (Im 2) 36yd) 1, Bine Gardens (W Ryan, 6-1), 2, Cogine (7-2), 3, Zeltzine (5-2) Piens 2: 1 lay 5 ran 2, 3+1 H Ceci. Tote 65 00; £1 70, £1 90 DF £6 70 CSF £23 67

c6 70 CSF (22 67 3.20 (71 18yd) 1. Casino King (R Havin, 8-1), 2, Khaias (4-5 lavi, 3, Green Jacket (50-1) 12 ran NR Churhair Charm, Gunboas Diplomacy NR 31 P Cheppie-them Tote (28 90, c1 60, c1 10, c9 60 DE 10 10 Trio C139 60 CSF (14 09 Gunboar Diplomacy (50-1) was with-drawn — rule 4 does not apply 2.50 (7) 16y(d) 1. Mybotye (W Pyen, 8-1). 2. Samara Song (9-1), 3. Akalim (16-1), 4. Welcome Heights (7-1 law) 20 ran, Né, sh. hd. R. Bastiman Tote 26 90, 62 10, 62 00, 63 50, 63 00 DF 613 70 Time 1172 40 CSF 666 56 Tricast

4.20 (71 16yd) 1, Smart Squali (W Ryen, 6-1), 2, Tumbieweed Hero (Evens fay), 3, Chief Casher (16-1), 14 ran, 34, 1 % Lord Amilrydon, Tote £9.40, £2.00, £1.50, £2.50 DF £5.40 Tao, £18.10, CSF; £15.01 1.50 (1m 14yd) 1. Rock Falcon (M 1ebbd), 8-1), 2. The Executor (9-2 law), 3, Dancing Lawyer (20-1) 20 cart, 41, 11 Lady Hernes Tote \$10.60, \$2.30, \$2.20, \$14.80 DF, \$28.50 Too \$126.20 CSF: \$136.32.

LX0 SZ. (5) 16yd) 1, General Sir Peter (Arranda Sanders, 33-1) 2, Songsheet (6-1), 3, Pomier (10-1), 4, Will To Win (16-1) Captain Caust 11-2 feer 19 ran NFI DWine Mass-P Sh hd, sh hd, N Callagham Totle Cat 50, SA 90, C1 50, 52 90, C4 60 DF C186 00 Trio C368 80. CSF, C190 20 Tricast 52 029 01

Newton Abbot Going: good (good to solt in places)

2.25 (2m 5f 110)d ch) 1, Theliadesotath-enry (Mr O McPhall, 10-1); 2. Kinlogh Gale (5-1); 3, General Moulter (4-5 Lav) 8 ran NR: Lute Warm, The H*Penny Marvel 18, 144, A Barrow, Toler £11 30; 23.00, £2.80 DF: £28.10 CSF, £56.58. 2.55 (2m 11 hdis) 1, More Than You Know (A P McCoy, 9-1); 2, Lombardt, (11-4); 3, Shehab (5-2) Society Maga; 7-4 lay (0 ran, MR Lascim Alooz, Machalini, 12 4 K Burke Tole; C12-20; 52-20, C160, C170 DF 523.70 Thos: 525.50, CSF, £33 76.

3.30 (2m 51 110yd chl 1, Mr Playfull µ Frost, 7-2t; 2, Distant Memory (11-1); 3, Final Pride (5-4 fav), 6 ran MR Cardinal Rule, The Reverend Bart, 2, 3% R Frost, Tote (5.50, 5) 80, 52 50, DF (13 40 CSF (32.50, Trosst, 565.10) 4.00 (2m 11 India) 1. Surra Rockett (A Magure, 8-11 Sury, 2, Flagstell (8-1), 3, Coochie (33-1) 11 ran. 4, 91 Mess G Kelleway Tote: £1.70, £1.30, £2.60, £8.40 DF £5.80. Trio. £1.31.90 CSF.

4.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Plas-Hendy (M Galfiths, 8-1); 2, Indian Temple (16-1); 3, Ferneck (6-1), Grand Applause 7-2 (1-lax) 8 ran 51, 15 P Flich Tote, 5:14.40; 53.50, 64.10, 52.30 DF 5:34.10, CSF 5:109.49, Tricast, C768.14

3.00 (3m 3f hdle) 1, Deming Bridge (R Johnson, 13-8 (av), 2, Castle Secret (2-1), 3, Spirt Levet (8-1) 5 ran, 3%1, dist Mrs S Johnson, Tote, 62 40; 61 10, 61 80, DF 63 20, CSF: 63 38 Placapot £1,229.60. Placepoi: £153.70, Quedpoi: £6.90. Quedpoi: £61.00.

GOODWOOD

2.10 Mukhlies 2.40 Almutawakei 3.10 Zoom Up

3.40 Kahal 4.15 Jungle Story

firmekeeper's top rating: 3.10 PRESENT SITUATION. Our Newmarket Correspondent; 2,40 Almutawakel, 5,20 iceband.

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 eydon hall farm machillan hurses handicap

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1986: ASHEY HILL 5-8-7 G Colon (7-1 (t-lar) A Route 20 car 2.40 BELLWAY HOMES STARDOM STAKES BBC2 (Listed race, 2-Y-O: £13,248: 1m) (5 runners) mehal, 5-1 Alboostan, 6-1 Due South, 18-1 Priceless, 20-1 Picken Buton

1996; FALICENSON 8-11 T Owice (6-11 las) P Cole 5 cm FORM FOCUS

Alboostan neck 2nd to Miombay in 71 Kergyton stakes (good) with
Pstcatess (same terms) 21 5th Amuthavaket bed blagara 21 in 71
Neumantet stakes (good). Pichon Baron beat Little Badboy sh hd
In 1m Deauwille claimer (good). Due South 3:1 3nd to Bobbydazde in 1m Neumantet states (good). ALMITAWAKEL has a clear-cut apportunity

3.10 SCHRODER DEVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP (£15,068: 1m 1l) (20 runners)

BETTHIS. 5-7 Miles: 13-2 Danies Riversoly, 3-7 Milestines, 10-1 Compenseus. Bandon Juri, 12-7 Milestines. St.l. Confesional. 34-1 after:

FORM FOCUS

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Law standing in Glamorgan's way

four): Essex, with nine secondinnings wickets in hand, need 133 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Glamorgan

IT SEEMS that only two things can stop Glamorgan taking maximum points against Essex and carrying this thrilling Britannic Assurance county championship race into a pulsating final round next week. One is the weather, which accounted for the loss of 27 overs from the final session and is expected to be unfavourable today: the other is Stuart Law, who batted so majestically that he might have thought that he was still playing in the NatWest Trophy final.

Unfortunately, his col-leagues did not. They returned to the inadequate levels of performance they have shown too often in the past two months and there was never much doubt that they would be made to follow on. There ought to have been, as the pitch is lifeless and offering turn but slowly.

In reply to Glamorgan's 361, Essex were all out for 169 -Law's 85 from 63 balls constituting more than half the final total and two-thirds of the runs scored while he was at the wicket - and were batting again by teat They immediately lost Robinson in Watkin's first over, but Law was not required to come to the rescue immediately as Prichard, who has a habit of scoring runs second time around, and Hussain held firm in fading light.

With the weather forecast uncertain, Maynard, the Glamorgan captain, cannot have hesitated about asking Essex to bat again, but he will be conscious of what happened at the Oval last week. Surrey, 234 behind on first innings, batted again, amassed nearly 500 and got away with a draw. One difference here is that his bowlers remain relatively fresh, having dismissed Essex

in less than three hours. Breathtakingly though Law played — he was reminiscent of Viv Richards, so strong was his driving through the on side and so determined was he to dominate - his recklessness may have contributed to the indiscipline of his less talented partners. There was an inexplicable freneticism about

CARDIFF (second day of the whole innings, the runrate staying at over five an over for most of the time.

Essex were batting 75 minutes into the day, though not before the Glamorgan tail had resourcefully captured the one outstanding bonus point on offer. This was achieved by forthright hitting from Waqar Younis and Darren Thomas. who was capped in the tea interval, before both fell during a lively spell from Danny Law. He finished with his best championship figures of the season, four for 69.

Wagar was soon in action again, bowling at a slippery pace despite the unpromising conditions. In his second over Prichard fractionally misjudged a clip off his legs and was held low by James at point. Two balls later, Hussain was squared up and smartly held by Cottey low down to his left at first slip.

Glamorgan were on a roll and it was no surprise that Stuart Law tried to regain the initiative, but Glamorgan were plainly taken aback at his aggression and his lack of concern at the risky nature of many of his early strokes.

Time and again, he drove within feet of mid-on, but he was making few errors by lunch, at which point he had scored 34 from 26 balls. From the first over afterwards. bowled by Watkin, he took 13: from the next, from his old friend Thomas, he took eight, to bring up his half-century from 35 balls out of 60 runs added.

In Watkin's next over. though, Robinson essayed a drive of his own and was caught by Shaw in front of slip. In Thomas's next over, Irani and Grayson were leg-before to successive deliveries. Danny Law briefly matched his namesake before Watkin removed him with a leg-cutter and Glamorgan could relax, confident that they would be able to enforce the follow-on, even without dismissing Essex's most dangerous player.

In fact, Law, the situation now desperate, soon holed out to deep mid-on, seeking a fifteenth boundary, after which the tail offered brief resistance before a foolish runout from a misfield led to the final collapse. Essex will expect something from Prichard and Hussain today, but Law is their realistic hope.



Cowan is bowled by Wagar for a duck as Essex collapse to 169 all out and are forced to follow on

Shah enjoys moment to remember

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 314 runs behind

MIDDLESEX have pinned their hopes on a sizeable firstinnings score, followed by the wiles of Phil Tutnell and, so far, they have not been disappointed. No attempt was made to force the pace yesterday as they took 54 overs to translate their overnight 283 for five wickets into 430 for eight. This was primarily because the chief mover was Owais Shah, who was in search of a maiden century and was understandably careful along the road to glory.

Shah's objective was achieved after a vigil of nearly five hours. It was a highly promising innings. The 18ear-old was still there when Ramprakash declared and, apart from the odd burst of cramp, looked as though he could have lasted all day. Then came Tufnell. The Nottinghamshire batsmen -apart from Robinson and

Dowman, who put on 67 for

the first wicket - were no

match for his variations in the

autumnal gloom. A spell of three wickets for nine runs in 24 balls from him and the removal by Jacques Kailis of Paul Johnson sent Nottinghamshire sliding to 91 for four. By then, the light had Ramprakash was bowling in harness with Tufnell and even his medium pace had Tolley and Afzaal hanging on by a slender thread.

Nottinghamshire's armoury does not exactly bristle, but there were a number of good, honest yeomen going about their business vesterday and they did not wilt as the Middlesex score continued to mount. Inroads were made as Brown top-edged a pull and Hewitt was caught at midwicket off the underused Afzaal, who also had Fraser stumped after a brisk 27 from 29 halls, Still Shah had not reached three figures.

It was left to Tufneli's straight bat to prop and cop as Shah moved from 91 to his century. An hour had seen him score 15 singles before a push for three took him to 99 and then the moment of a lifetime. By then, he had hit 13 fours and a six and had impressed mightily with his

driving off front foot and back. So surely did Robinson and Dowman deal with the Middlesex quick bowlers that there was no hint of the trials to come. Both batted with assurance, although Fraser, warmly received by the crowd after his selection for the West Indies tour, flirted with Dowman's outside edge several times. Dowman was the first to go, pinned on the back foot by

lufnell, and the slide was on. Robinson edged, pushing forward, and when Johnson survived only six balls before edging to second slip, Notting-hamshire were up against it.

promote Simmons to on another top table

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (second day of four): Surrey, with three firstinnings wickets in hand, are 338 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE have elected Jack Simmons, the club's former all-rounder, as their new chairman. The appointment is well made because Simmons is a man around whom a troubled dub can regroup. He succeeds Bob Bennett, who is standing down to concentrate on his duties as chairman of the England committee.

It was entirely in keeping with his reputation as the game's greatest trencherman that, after expressing the hope that "we can all work together". Simmons mentioned the caterers before the ground staff. Perhaps the club should lay on a welcoming feast and serve the "Simmo Special" steak pudding, fish, chips and mushy peas, topped off with a

He has, so to speak, a lot on his plate. Lancashire have yet to name John Bower's successor as chief executive, although Jim Cumbes, the commercial manager, is expected to be offered the post. They have also to settle the captaincy issue and to confirm that Wasim Akram will remain their overseas player.

Jason Gallian is finalising

his move to Middlesex and he may not be the only player to leave Old Trafford, such is the general uncertainty. Simmons may consider it prudent to call an end-of-term meeting and knock a few heads together

There is much to put right before Lancashire can take their place at county cricket's top table, but they have enjoyed much the better of this match. After Surrey scored their first hundred runs at five an over, Watkinson and Keedy found easy pickings some

Lancashire declared on 592 for four after Fairbrother completed the third unremarkable century of the innings. He is one of 14 men in this match to have played for England at a senior level and the cricket has still been

Lancashire Derbyshire suffer grey day

By RICHARD HOBSON

WORCESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire have a first innings lead of 331 runs over Derbyshire

CRICKET lover though he is, John Major will not have completely enjoyed his day as a spectator at New Road. He was defeated in a one-sided . contest himself earlier in the season and, as a neutral on this occasion, his heart surely went out to Derbyshire. For the visitors to emerge

from this game without defeat requires either an immeasurably improved performance by the top order or a tornado to hit Worcester. It is debatable which is more likely. The early collapse yesterday was entirely predictable, the prospects of avoiding the follow-on target of 405 always remote.

Worcester extended their overnight total to 554 for eight before declaring ten minutes after lunch. Weston had moved to within 12 runs of his second double-century of the season when he edged Cassar to Krikken, before Leatherdale, on 93, was bowled in the next over attempting to drive Malcolm.

Through the innings, the occasional ball turned and spat, but Derbyshire were deep in the mire long before Moody turned to his slow bowlers. Cork, a curious choice as opener, pushed ineffectually at Sheriyar to give Weston a catch at fourth slip and Stubbins, on his debut, fenced at Haynes in the next

When Barnett offered a second catch to Rhodes trying to deflect Sheriyar, Derbyshire were in perli at 12 for three. Clarke drove to cover and Tweats ran himself out after deciding belatedly against an impossible single.

Cassar, born in Sydney and English-qualified, appeared uneasy against the spinners, but his tenacity helped him ... through a difficult period to add 71 for the sixth wicket with Krikken. Would that some of . his colleagues had shown in equal application.

DeFreitas became Hick's first championship wicket of the season, but Cassar remained unbeaten on 76, two short of his career best.

VESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

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Head injury to Russell adds to woe

BY IVO TENNANT

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with five second-innings in hand, are 119 runs behind

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TWICE this season, Gloucestershire have led the Britannic Assurance county championship. It was simply not pos-sible to glean that from their cricket yesterday, for they batted with a despondency and fecklessness that would, had the light been better and Warwickshire claimed the extra half-hour, most probably have led to a defeat in two days. They resume today with one of the their remaining batsmen ill and another suffering from concussion.

For much of the season, Gloucestershire have played wonderfully spirited, cohesive cricket. Here, they disintegrated. As with Leicestershire in the season or two before they won the championship, this side does not quite look the part. Warwickshire's greater experience has been of immeasurable benefit over the first rwo days.

It was not as if the ball was moving extravagently or turning sharply. A month or two ago. Gloucestershire would not have collapsed like this. They were without Hewson, who was unable to bat in either innings after seeing a doctor over heart trouble. Then Russell, having made 44 in their second innings in his customary puckish way, had to retire after a short ball from Brown struck him on the back of his helmet.

All this happened after Gloucestershire had taken Warwickshire's last three wickets for 11 runs in the morning. Neil Smith added a further three to his overnight 145 before Lewis gained his sixth wicket of the innings, having him leg-before. Mike Smith then had Brown caught at second slip and Donald at first slip off successive balls. Gloucestershire's first in-

nings did not begin propi-tiously. Donald had Windows caught at the wicket in his second over, the ball cutting back and taking the inside edge. Dawson became the first of five batsmen to be held in the slips by Ostler. At least three of those catches, taken low or one-handed, were of a standard that the ancients would have recognised. Next, Young was taken at

the wicket driving at one that Welch swung away from the hai. It was as good a hall as any bowled all day. Ostler held perhaps the pick of his catches to remove Alleyne, again off Welch, and Neil Smith collected four of the remaining five wickets, his best performance of the season

Made to follow on 305 runs in arrears, Gloucestershire fared little better. Even allowing for their understandable gloom over the defeat at Canterbury last week that put paid to their chances of winning the championship, this was a wretched effort. Their committee would not wish to see first-class county cricket changed from its present form, but they would have had a job convincing Lord Mac-Laurin of Knebworth, had he been on the ground.

Windows went this time to an away swinger, caught at the wicket off Welch. Hancock, until he was yorked by Giles, again played compe-tently enough, but Dawson and Alleyne went cheaply.

Russell drove his first two balls, from Neil Smith, to the cover boundary. He took his eye off the ball that hit him, but should be fit to bat today. He and Young, who was held one-handed by Ostler off Giles, had added 77 in 18



Silverwood, the Yorkshire bowler, celebrates having Fulton, of Kent, caught behind at Headingley. Report, page 44

Dakin seizes chance to make his mark

By Barney Spender

The last one, against Worces-

tershire on May 8, resulted in

a duck. However, he played

with a freedom and purpose

that suggests he may get a few

more chances in the longer

After Leicestershire had

slipped to 120 for four. Dakin

shared three important part-

nerships, adding 63 with Iain Sutcliffe, 88 with Paul Nixon

and, finally, an unbroken 109

with David Millns, who

bled by the promising spin pair of Brown and Davies, took advantage of their lapses

in concentration and length as

he posted nine fours in his

half-century. His next fifty came from 57 balls and, by the

close, he had moved on to a

Earlier, James Ormond had

wrapped up the Northamp-

tonshire innings with three

wickets in 16 balls to claim six

for 68, his best figures in the

career-best 135 not out.

Dakin, occasionally trou-

struck a robust 60 not out.

game next season.

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Leicestershire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 48 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

THE ill-fortune of one man can often be a blessing for another. Such is the case for Jon Dakin, Leicestershire's powerful all-rounder, who has had to be content with a place in the one-day side all summer while following the county's progress in the championship from the second XI.

His chance finally arrived when Neil Johnson had to return home to South Africa earlier this week with ankle ligament trouble. Dakin, who was himself brought up in Johannesburg, grasped the opportunity with both hands yesterday, recording his third first-class hundred.

Dakin began the season with 103 not out against Cambridge University, but this was only his second championship innings since 1995.

Durham's optimism obscured by cloud

By DEREK HODGSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of four): Durham, with three second-innings wickets in hand, lead Somer-set by 145 runs

TOMMY FLINTOFF, a respected groundsman who retires next year, was being congratulated yesterday on the settling down of the square at the Riverside Ground. Sixteen wickets then fell in the day and Durham, who might have been expected to push for their third victory of the summer, ended the day facing probable defeat.

Once a flawless sky had given way to cloud, just before noon, things began to happen. Mark Lathwell had looked destined for a big score and David Boon, quick to remind enquirers that he had kept wicket for Australia in two one-day matches, had to sustain Durham's spirits as deputy for the injured Martin

Even he was going flat

when, at 130 for one, Lathwell was deceived by a slower ball. Ten runs later, Marcus Trescothick was similarly con-founded, his attempted flick off his legs turning into a leading

When Holloway was dismissed, three wickets had fallen for 16 runs. Durham, tails up, brought back their opening pair, Simon Brown and Mel Betts, and the last nine wickets fell for 71 in 33 overs.

Andrew Caddick and Graham Rose made no impact immediately and, with Kevin Shine resting a back strain, Somerset were falling further behind when, with Durham 66 without loss, the indefatigable Rose took his 500th first-class

wicket, that of Stewart Hutton. Three overs later, Caddick surprised Morris and then Boon before Lewis's 36-over defiance ended when he edged a leg break from Mushtaq, leaving the middle to disintegrate. Flintoff's pitch is

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PAT GIBSON

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Sussex, with

seven second-innings wickets

in hand, are 70 runs ahead of

TOBY PEIRCE may have

made the right investment after all. The left-handed

opening batsman, who gave up a career in the City to

return to the game this sea-

son, must have questioned his

judgment many times in re-

cent weeks as Sussex stum-bled from one defeat to

another on their way to the

bottom of the county

Yesterday, however, the future looked much brighter.

James Kirtley, recovered at last from the back problem which has troubled him all

summer, looked as promising

a fast bowler as there is in the

country as Hampshire lost

their last eight wickets for 49

in 20 overs. Then Peirce

occupied the crease for more than 412 hours and 81 runs to

give Sussex the prospect of only their second champion-

Everything is relative, of course, and it has to be said

that, on this evidence, Hamp-

shire are in an even worse

state than Sussex. They began

the day 71 runs ahead with

eight wickets in hand but instead of consolidating on a

position of strength they sim-ply squandered it.

It was the leg spinner, Amer

Khan, almost a veteran in this

Sussex side at the age of 27,

who began the collapse by

bowling Whitaker for 73 and White for 80 before Kirtley,

still only 22, tore through the

middle order with a spell of

Sussex still faced a deficit of

131 but they cleared it during a

second-wicket partnership of

79 between Peirce and the experienced Taylor. Taylor

had just reached his 50 when

he was expertly stumped by

Aymes, standing up to the fast

medium Renshaw, but Peirce

went on to his 81 off 241 balls

and, with Newell lending

positive support, gave Sussex

hope of better things to come.

three for 17.

Hampshire

championship.

ship win.

England's amateurs home in on record

ENGLAND are on the brink of a record fifth consecutive amateur home international golf chanmpionship after their 102-42 win over Scotland at Burnham and Berrow, Somerset, yesterday. A win in their final match, against Ireland, today will bring Peter McEvoy's six-year reign as captain to a successful conclu-

Philip Rowe, 18, from West Cornwall, and Shaun Philip-son, 34, from Prudhoe, were in particularly fine form as Engand won three of the five foursomes and then stormed to a 7-3 triumph in the singles. Philipson, who was making his debut, scored a hole in one at the lol-yard 5th.

McManus on cue

Snooker: Alan McManus claimed the fourth and final wild card for the Regal Scottish Masters yesterday by defeating Tony Drago, of Maita, 5-2 in the final qualifying round at Spencer's Snooker Centre, Stirling,

Jalabert leads

Cycling: Laurent Jalabert, the world No I, assumed the over-all lead in the Tour of Spain, after winning the sixth stage yesterday. Jalabert initiated the decisive attack and led the breakaway group over the finish line at Granada.

Cruel cut

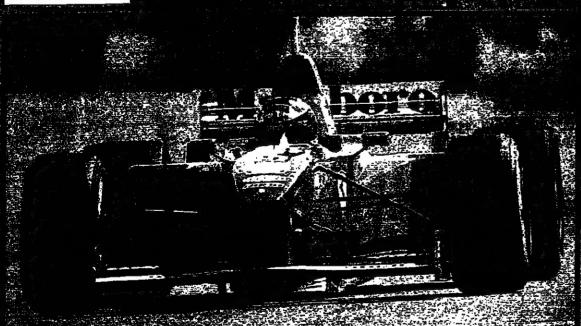
Rugby league: Warrington Wolves yesterday announced a retained list of only lo players for next season. The move fuels speculation over the future of Paul Hulme, the former Great Britain forward. and the overseas players, Kelly Shelford, Salesi Finau, Willie Swann and George Mann. who were not on the list.

Storm damaged

Ice hockey: Manchester Storm suffered their first defeat in the Benson and Hedges Cup on Wednesday, when the lost 5-3 to Ayr Scottish Eagles.

EXCLUSIVE TIMES NEWSPAPERS GRAND PRIX COMPETITION

Fantasy Formula One race hots up for our £25,000 top prize



with the best feam score after the European Grand Prix on October 26 of our sponsor Marthero World Championship team. Prizes of £10,000 and minutes are The manager with the best score at the Austrian GP wins a trip for Fig. The runner-up will receive a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom game,

HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED AT MONZA DRIVERS: Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the

start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole J Alesi 30 points; 2nd H-H Frentzen 25; 3rd G Fisichella 24; 4th J Villeneuve 23; 5th M Hakkinen 22; 6th D Coulthard 21; 7th G Berger 20; 8th R Schumacher 19; 9th M Schumacher 18; 10th E Irvine 17; 11th R Barrichello 16; 12th J Herbert 15; 13th J Magnussen 14; 14th D Hill 13; 15th S Nakano 12; 16th J Trulli 11; 17th P Diniz 10; 18th G Morbidelli 9; 19th M Salo 8; 20th J Verstappen 7. Finishing points (scored for the top 20 classified positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st D Coulthard 60 points; 2nd J Alesi 50; 3rd H-H Frentzen 40; 4th G Fisichella 30; 5th J Villeneuve 29; 6th M Schumacher 28; 7th G Berger 27; 8th E Irvine 26; 9th M Hakkinen 25; 10th J Trulii 24; 11th S Nakano 23; 12th G Morbidelli 22; 13th R Barrichello 21; 14th T Marques 20. (Only 14 were classified.) Lap points (one point for each lap completed): D Coulthard 53 points; J Alesi 53; H-H Frentzen 53; G Fisichella 53; J Villeneuve 53; M Schumacher 53; G Berger 53; E Irvine 53; M Hakkinen 53; J Trulli 53; S Nakano 53; R Barrichello 52; G Morbidelli 52; T Marques 50; D Hill 46; R Schumacher 39; J Herbert 38; M Salo 33; J Magnussen 31; J Verstappen 12; U Katayama 8; P Diniz 4. Improvement from starting grid to

finishing position (3 points for each improved place): T Marques 24 points; J Trulli 18; G Morbidelli 18; D Coulthard 15; S Nakano 12; M Schumacher 9; E Irvine 6. Fastest tap time of grand prix M Hakkinen 10 points. Penalty points incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): none. Did not finish the race (10 points deducted): D Hill -10 points: R Schumacher -10; J Herbert -10; M Salo -10; J Magnussen -10; J Verstappen -10; U Katayama -10; P Diniz -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

CONSTRUCTORS: Finishing points (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): McLaren 30 points; Benetton 25; Williams 24; Jordan 23; Ferrari 21; Prost 17; Sauber 15; Stewart 14; Minardi 13. Penalty points incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of gnd or plt lane (10 points deducted): none. Elimination of a car during the race (10 points deducted): Arrows -20 points; Tyrrell -20; Jordan -10; Sauber -10; Minardi -10; Stewart -10.

Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

Only four races remain in our Fantasy Formula One competition: the Austrian Grand Prix on September 21, the Luxembourg Grand Prix on September 28, the Japanese race on October 12 and the European Grand Prix on October 26. Heading our leaderboard in the race. for our £25,000 top prize is A Bradley of Godalming. Surrey. His team, Slickhead 3, scored 619 points at the Italian Grand Prix to take his cumulative score in the competition to 9,451 points. In second place is L Ackland from Guildford, Surrey. His team, Aston O. scored 741 points at Monza to take his total points to 9,419 in the competition. Mrs J Bonnett, of Halstead, Essex, wins a trip for two to next year's British Grand Prix. Her team. Blondie, scored 7/4 points at Monza.

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have been adjusted as a consequence of M. Hakkinen's late disqualification from third position in the Belgian GP. The cumulative figure for Prost published after the Canadian Grand Prix has been adjusted downwards by 10 points as his car did not finish the race.

OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE ITALIAN GRAND PRIX

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Exhausted Rusedski pushed to the limit

By ALIX RAMSAY

were only two - was almost

half an hour in coming, the

the first set and, when he got a hint of a chance on

Fromberg's service, he could do nothing with it. Yet, as the

set headed for a tie-break,

the tunnel: few men have

With the first set under his

more secure. Although he appeared exhausted between

managed to break Fromberg

to take a 2-1 lead in the second

served for the match, he was

broken. Suddenly, even walk-

has learnt a lot in the past few

months as he has climbed the

rankings ladder. Having run out of steam at Wimbledon in

the quarter-finals against

Cedric Pioline, he has discov-

ered how to avoid it happen-

I'm more tired now than I

was against Pioline, but I

match," he said. "Mentally.

sometimes you can make your

body go on and on, even when

your body is saying no. It's a

case of getting the mind to say

GOLF

Ballesteros cashes in chips

FROM MEL WEBB AT SAINT-NOM-LA-BRETÈCHE

AN ENTIRE book could be - 6th, his 15th. The hole, a short had a couple of practice

written on the number of par five, is a right-to-left swings, swung flat round his

seemingly impossible strokes dogleg and Ballesteros tried to body and made contact. The

He found himself behind a

clump of trees on the left and

appeared to have no shot

beyond a bale-out chip. It

would have been the safe exit,

the prudent escape, but the words "safe" and "prudent"

have no place in this man's

He looked, then looked

igain. There was a gap ahead

of him in the spinney that was

so small and so near the

ground that only he would

consider it a viable target. The

problem was that he could not

play the shot and remain

Imagine it. He was on his

knees, four-wood in hand. The

toe of the club was facing the

sky, he could not get more

than an inch of clubface on the

vertical; so he knelt down.

can do it' and then just

ing again.

keeping going

that Severiano Ballesteros has cut off the angle and failed.

lexicon.

tion. He came to the tee on the ball. He took another look,

WOND-WATCHING

(b) Henry VI, Part II. A follower of Cade on the grounds that "virtue is not regarded in handicrafts-men". Unlike his more bloodthirsty

(c) A Midsummer Night's Dream. A young man in love with Hermia. In contrast with the hot-headed Demetrius, he is unsmiling and serious, but no less fervent for all that.

(b) The Comedy of Errors. A charlatan brought by Adriana to drive out the spirits supposedly driving Antipholus II mad. He has only a dozen lines, but they are in orotund quack's jargon.

(c) Henry VI, part I. A follower of Somerset and member of the red-

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1... Ne-9: 2 Qc2 (forced, to defend the rook on d1, if 2 Rxd8 Nxc5 3 Rxd8+ Kg7 and Black wins on material) 2 ... Rxd1+ 3 Qxd1 Nc3 and Black emerges a

out this year.

THERE is a saying that genius is ten per cent inspiration and 90 per cent perspiration. Yesterday, Greg Rusedski discovered that mere survival as one of the top tennis players in the world depends on rather more perspiration than that, while progress can require near superhuman efforts.

Rusedski made his way into the quarter-finals of the Samsung Open in Bourne-mouth with a 7-6, 7-6 victory over Richard Fromberg, but there were times when it was touch and go. The win protected his ranking of No II in the world, but he will have to wait a while yet until he achieves his great ambition of breaking into the top ten. That would involve Rusedski reaching the final here - and that could be

Yesterday, he played considerably better than in the first round, against Alberto Martin, but it was a titanic struggle. Still recovering from the mental and physical exertions of the past couple of weeks, he had to force himself to greater efforts to stand a chance of winning.

Fromberg is not one of the leading lights of the tennis circuit, but he is most at home on a clay court and has a reputation for digging in for a good, long scrap. That was the last thing that Rusedski needed after all he has been

Everything looked like an

played in his time, but the one

he pulled out of his box of

tricks yesterday was special

Ballesteros was coming to

the end of his first round in the

Lancôme Trophy when he produced The Shot. It is a pity

that there were not more

people to witness it, for it was

a blow that would have

stretched the credulity even of

those who are career believers

in the mystical charm that

Ballesteros sometimes exerts

The Stroke was called for

only because of the mess that

he had made of the one that

preceded it. Not that that in

iself is anything new. He has

always been capable of mak-

ing a Horlicks of routine

strokes and uniquely able to

bale out of bother when a

combination of hands, eyes

This was just such a situa-

colleagues he is quiet and honest.

BASSET

and vision are called for.

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Rusedski prepares another fiery service on his way to victory over Fromberg yesterday

"I'm physically exhausted and every day I'm trying to push my body to the absolute limit, but I'm trying to compete mentally. After the match, I was shattered. I didn't even know where I was. If it had gone to three sets, I don't know if I could have won."

With so much at stake, Rusedski is determined to go on until he drops to make the breakthrough into the top ten. The complex calculations that govern the ATP Tour rankings

ball scooted through the tiny

opening, bent to its master's

will and stopped 180 yards

away just in front of the green.

rative plaques erected for less-

followed was slightly ham-fisted, but, typically, he made

the putt for an unlikely birdie.

that Ballesteros played, his best round of a hitherto dismal

season and one that left him sharing the lead with Peter

O'Malley. "It was my best golf

for three or four years," he

said. "I had more fun today

than I have had for a very long

"I was happy, relaxed and confident with my swing. It

was like the old days." Yes, but

why, after such a miserable

year? "Just ... because," he

said with a small smile. Just

because ... the man is a

genius. For once, the word is

nothing but the truth. Just a

The shot was one of only 65

People have had commemo-

shots. The chip that

have even the experts foxed at times and after this win, Rusedski thought he had achieved his goal. Now he has discovered that there is more work to do. First on the list is Lucas Arnold, from Argentina, who reached the quarterfinals by beating Johan van Herck, from Belgium, 6-1, 7-5. If he gets through that today, Rusedski will most likely face Carlos Moya, of Spain, who has hardly been troubled so

"Today was a big match for me because I want to be in the top ten and it would be nice to do it here in Bournemouth. Rusedski said. "I guess now that to do it I'll have to win the tournament, but I'm looking forward to Monday. when the ranking list comes out and I can just sit back and enjoy it and enjoy the US Open. And enjoy my run at Bournemouth."

Results, page 38 7.00em Kewn Greening 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Mery Anne Hobbs 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Dave Paerce 6.15 Newboat 6.30 Pete Tong — Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rep Show with Tim Westwood 3.00em Cherke Jordan

EQUESTRIANISM

King and Stark give Britain early lead

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

BRITAIN, champions, have taken an early lead in the Burghley Pedigree Chum Open European three-day-event championships after impressive performances from the first two team members, Mary King, on Star Appeal, and Ian Stark, on Arakai. King is in third place on 47.2 with Stark. showing a dramatic improvement since Badminton, where he was fiftieth after the dres-

sage, fourth on 47.8. Pila Pantsu, of Finland leads the individual event after a beautifully-ridden test on Cyna, the Polish-bred mare on which she finished fifth at the 1995 Open Eurochampionships Pratoni. Pantsu, 26, who is based with Jan Jonssen, the Sweden team trainer, at Flyinge, was one of the few to produce correct "flying changes" in the canter work and was rewarded with high marks from the three judges.

defending Olympic team bronze medal winner in Atlanta, lifted the in-form New Zealand team into second place after his best test to date on Selina Boyce's prolific winner, Dawdle. The nine-year-old gelding is inclined to tense up in the dressage phase, but lengthy working in yesterday produced a light and relaxed test. Star Appeal was less re-

laxed, but King, a skilful dressage rider, has a knack of directing the eyes of the judges away from small mistakes. Admitting that her flying changes are still "far from established", she was delighted with her good score.

The Mark Phillips-trained United States team, the Olympic silver medal-winners, are fifth after a disappointing test from Bruce Davidson on his 1995 Badminton winner, Eagle Lion, but with David O'Connor, the Badminton winner this year, competing today, they are unlikely to stay out of contention.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Andrew Nicholson, an

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7 30 unless stated Nationwide League First division

genius.

Bury v Marchester City (7 45) . Third division

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county champtonship IC 30 that day of four, 104 overs meterrum CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Essex SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Sussex

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NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v St Helens v Saltord (7.30) Gloucestershire WORCESTER: Worcestershire v

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of four: Bristot: Gloucestorshre view of three: Chelmistond: Existiv Dictivative Bournamouth SC: Hampichine v Kent Old Traitions! Lancachine v Surrey Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sursex. Taunshire: Surrect v Middlesov. Kenäworth Werdens: Warwicksprie v Norment.

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RUGBY UNION Heineken Cup Pool A Leinster v Leicester (at Donnybrook, 5 30)

GOLF: Men's home internationals (at Burtham and Berrow); Women's home internationals (at Latench, iroland); Clubhous Seniors' Classic (at The Monatorichies) MOTOR RALLYING: Manx Rally

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OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: European three-day event (at Burghley)

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Poole (7 30): Peterborough v Coventry
(7 45) Premier League: Archa Essox v Isle
of Wight (8 0): Edinburgh v Reading (7 30);
Octord v Newport (7 30), Oxford v Berwick
(9 0) Armateur League: Belle Vuo v Exotor
and Newport (9 0): Pretrobrorough v Reading and Swindon (7 0). TENNIS: Samsung Open (at Source

TELEVISION CHOICE

Now a double memorial

The penultimate night of the Proms comes live from the Albert Hall and features Verdi's Requiem, a choral blockbuster, which was among the favourite works of the late Diana, Princess of Wales. Sir Georg Solti, who was to have conducted the work, long associated with him, had discussed making this a memorial to the Princess; she was patron of the London Symphony Chorus, who are taking part. Sir Georg's sudden death, last Friday. means that tonight is now a memorial to both. Sir Colin Davis conducts. Settings of the Mass have been a theme of the 1997 Proms and Verdi's work, first given in 1874, is one of the most powerful examples in the repertoire. The lour soloists are Michele Crider (soprano), Olga Borodina (mezzo). Frank Lopardo (tenor) and René Pape (bass), with the London Voices, the London Symphony Chorus

David E. Kelley, who gave us LA Law and Chicago Hope, is the man behind this legal drama set in Boston. The focus is on a small law firm staffed by a group of eager young advocates who tend to put idealism before paying the bills. They are more interested in righting wrongs, especially for the less privileged, than exacting huge fees. How long this admirable altruism can survive promises to be a theme of the series. Meanwhile, the head of the practice (Dvlan McDermott) is soon in action practice (Dylan McDermott) is soon in action defending a 17-year-old girl accused of possessing cocaine and the firm's newest recruit (Kelli Williams) takes on a tobacco giant. The courtroom scenes are less than gripping and, so far at least, characterisation is thin. But the formula has potential and Kelley's track record suggests we should be patient.

QED: Challenging Children BBC1, 10.20pm (Scotland 11.10pm)

Lost in London

Radio 3. 9.00pm

The second challenging child of this series is five-year-old Jordan, who suffers from autism. This means he can make no sense of the world, has no imagination or social skills and is prone to screaming fits. The cause is a biological brain

This daily series on the lost concert halls of London

has produced a wealth of fascinating information

House. The loss of this, the first venue of the Proms, can be blamed on the Nazis rather than

RADIO 1

RADIO 2

6.00em Sarah Kermedy 7.30 Wake Up To Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.06 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walter 7.00 Denis Culling Sheres The Best of Times 7.30 Fiddy Night is Music Night 9.15 The Tatlor of Panisms. John Le Carré continues the reading of his letest

novel 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sharidan Morley 72.05ex

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planners: firebombs destroyed the hall in 1941

The Broadrick family (BBCl, 10.20pm)

disorder which the experts say is irreversible. The strain on the boy's family is immense, but his parents. Peter and Jackie Broadrick, refuse to believe that he cannot improve. Instead of sending Jordan to residential school they raise £17,000 so Jordan to residential school they raise £17.000 to pay for a pioneering therapy in the United States. Central to it is placing Jordan into a special playroom and gaining his trust. Charlotte Howarth's film is not the story of a miracle cure. Rather, it shows the long, patient and difficult process, with many setbacks along the way, by which Jordan is coaxed back towards normal life.

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Jo Brand: Like It Or Lump It Channel 4, 10.30pm

Once, at an hour when children were likely to be watching, television screened a Jo Brand routine watering, television screened a 30 brain rodune which was exquisitely timed, very funny and contained not even a hint of strong language or contentious material. In other words she was playing the traditional stand-up comic and doing it brilliantly. Her detractors will say this is evidence that the does not reed in he offensive to be effective. that she does not need to be offensive to be effective. But there are plenty of supporters of the other Brand, the one who delights to shock, and this version should be well to the fore in this new series, based on a national tour. Each show comes from a different venue (these include a chocolate factory, a knicker factory and a fire station) and mixes stand up with sketches and documentary footage.

Peter Waymark.

RADIO CHOICE

BBC Proms 97

Tonight's concert was to have been conducted by Sir Georg Solti and he had requested that the evening be dedicated to Diana, Princess of Wales. Within days of that request being made Sir Georg has produced a wealth of fascinating information but its principal service has been as a warning against carelessness; we are altogether too prone to allowing important buildings simply to be lost, either completely or in their original form, through a lack of vigilance. The series is presented by Andrew Green, whose enthusiasm for, and sadness concerning the loss of, great building is palpable and perfectly justified. The last programme, today, is about Queen's Hall, which happens to have been adjacent to Broadcasting House. The loss of this, the first venue of the himself died. His place is taken by Sir Colin Davis with the evening now becoming a double tribute. The fact that tonight's work is Verdi's Requiem lends additional poignancy to the evening, given the death of Sold and the continuing national mood following the death of Diana. Tonight's is the penultimate Prom and the Verdi is the last of this season's explorations of the Mass. The performers tonight include Michele Crider (soprano). Olga Borodina (mezzo) London Voices and the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour, 6.00em Newshour 6.30 All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00em Newshour 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.30 Closs Encounters: Contemporary Life in an English Cathedral 7.45 The Way We Are 8.15 Off. the Shelf 8.30 Music Review 9.00 News in German 9.19 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Peal 10.05 Business 10.15 The Learning World 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 U.F.Os: Fect, Fiction or Fartisey 12.30pm Focus on Faith 1.00 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 British Today 1.30 Computers at Work 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Muthtmack 4.05 Football Edgs 4.15 A Step too Far 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Editah, Today 6.15 World Today 8.30 News in German 6.40 Spottight 6.45 Sports: Foundup 7.30 Focus on Feith 8.01-Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thotolit 8.30 8.30 News in German 6.40 Spotight 6.45 Spotis Houndup 7.30 Focus on Feith 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Throught 8.30 Multitrack 9.08 Newshour 10.06 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.38 People and Politics 11.30 World Today 11.45 Spotis Roundup 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From the ss 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Code Breakers 2.45 Insider s Guide 2.55 Spotlight 3.30 At the Shoulder of History 4.05 Business 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe

CLASSIC FM

3.80am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Alan Marin 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchtime Requests 2.00 Concerto 3.00 Jerme Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonate 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin. Includes Nocturne 2.00am Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dane 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Robin Banks 6.00 Paul Coyte 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.90 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

soprano, as Marschallin and Joan Carlyle.

sopramo, as found solitions and solar Centyre, sopramo, as Sophia Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson, The students of the Quern Katherine School at Kendal

are challenged to produce a dance track using

Sources recorded in the rown (1)

5.15 in Turne, with Jeremy Nicholas, Includes Parry (My Soul There is a Country, Songs of Farewell), Herrmann (Arla from Salammbo, Citizen Kane); Haydn (Symphony No 45 in F sherp minor,

5.90em Paul Ross and Carol McSiffin 7.00 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pet Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 Mike Allen 1.00em lan Collins

nds recorded in the town (r)

RADIO 3 Veesey, soprano, as Octavian, Sena Jurinac,

6.00mm On Air, with Penry Gore. Includes Poulenc (Suite: Les Bichas); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 10 in B minor); Debussy, compl Ducasse (Phapsody for Alio Saxophone); Granados (Danzas Espanolas); Brahms (Overture Academic Festival); Telemann (Pertita No 2 in G, Kleise Kammenusik)

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9.00 Moming Collection, with Cairiona Young.
Includes Honegger (Pastorale d'Éte); Villa-Lobos
(Bachiana Brasiliera No 5), Chopin (Potonaisa-(Bachiana Brastiera No 5), Chopin (Polonaise-Fantasie in A flat, Op 61); Debussy (La Mer) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza, Includes Schabin (Pretude in C sharp minor, Op 16 No 5); Straus (German Motel); Bratims (Violin Sonata No 1 in G, Op 78); Bernstein (Concerto for Orchestra, Jubilee Games); Chopin (Noctume in F sharp minor, Op 48 No 2); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in German)

No 1 in G minor) 2.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Verdi
1.00pm News; Pisendel at the Court of Dresden.
Presented by Nicholes Anderson. Collegium
Musicum 90, under Simon Standage. Viveldi
(Sinfonia in F for strings); Albinoni (Violin Concerto
in A); Viveldr (Violin Concerto in G); Pisendel
(Violin Concerto in G). Visentini (Concerto in A. Concerto in

(Violin Concerto in G); Valentini (Concerto in A, Op 9 No 9); Vivalcii (Sinfonia in F, RV135); Pisendel (Concerto in D) (r) 2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear Tuesday's concert. Emanuel Ax, piamo, European Youth Orchestra under Bernard Haltink, Beethoven

(Plano Concerto No 4 in G), prucivite (cyntum). No 7 in 5 (r)

Mining the Archives: Georg Sotti, Edward Seckerson introduces inlightights from a BBC recording of Sott's 1966 Covent Gerden production of Der Rosenkawalier with Josephine

Farewell
7.30 BBC Proms 97. See Choice. The penultimate
Prom is a dual tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales,
and the conductor Sir Georg Solti, who died on
September 5. With Michèle Crider, aoprano, Olga
Borodina, mezza, Frank Lopardo, tenor, René
Pape, bass, London Voices, Symphony Chorus
and Orchestra under Sir Colin Davis, Verdi
(Recuisers) (Requiern)
9.00 Lost in London, See Choice (5/5)
9.20 Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, The great German baritone sings lieder by Schubert, with Benjamin Britten and Sviatoslav Richter at the piano

breater and Now. Germaine Greer introduces a concert, given last July at the West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge, of Australian music from the last three decades. Includes Nigel Butterley (Laudes, first UK performance); Richard Meale (Incredible Stottler). Bere Control (Laudes, trist UN performance), This was a first UN performance); Julian Yu (First Australian Suite, first UK performance); Julian Yu (First Australian Suite, first UK performance)

Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert (f)

17.30 Proms Composer of the Week: Schubert (r) 12.30em Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather talks to the playwright, and jazz lover, Alan Plater 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 8.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.3
Today. Includes Thought for the Day 8.45
Personal History, by Katharine Graham (10/10)
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's
guest is the singer Sir Frank Kermode (r)
9.45 Feedbeck. Chris Dunkdey airs listeners'
remelaints about 8PC recomments. complaints about BBC programm

wa; Libel. The barrister Manuel Barca presents the dramatised case of Whistler v Ruskin Ruskin accused Whistler of "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face" when he exhibited Noctume

Black and Gold 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Wendy Austin broadcasting from itemss. 11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker calebration of the cabbage family (r) 12.55

weather
1.00 The World at One, with Alex Brotile
1.40 The Archera (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Aspern Papers. The
second and linal part of Jane Beeson's dramatisation of the novel by Henry James, With Angels Pleasenco and Moira Lister (2/2) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor 4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope, Tim Martow examines

News 4.05 Kaledoscope, Tim Meriow examines a new exhibition by the photographer Don McCultin at the Barbican Centre in London Plus a review of Shakespeare's Henry V at Stratford-

4.45 Short Story: Morrisey, by Rob Gittins. Read by Suzanne Packer 5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5,55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

Going Places. Presented by David Stafford includes a look nahind the scenes of some of England's stately homes. News 7.05 The Archers

8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Charact Florance talks to Leslie Chambertain, Br Macintyre and Lavinia Murray about the German

philosopher Fnedrich Nietzsche (2/4)

9.15 Letter from America, with Alistair Cooke (f)

9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusby

10.45 Book at Bedtime: To the Lighthouse, by

Virginia Wooli. Read by Eileen Alkins (10/10) (r)

Virginia Woolf. Read by Eileen Atkins (10/10) (r)
11,00 De Go On. The second of a four-part lighthearted discussion series with Ainsley Elliot and guests. Tonight's panel includes the geneticist Jeff Dodman, Griff Rhys Jones and Graeme Garden Teas Junction. A sideways look at the week's events with Patrick Harman and guests
11.45 Beyond the Millennium. In the first of six programmes, the Japanese economist Noriko Harma predicts a radically different European-Union in 2010

12.00 News Includes 12.28am approx Weather
12.30am Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John
Lanchester. Read by Tim Pigott-Smith (4/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
1.00 As World Service

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Normal service of life and death restored

fter everything that has happened, there was some-thing the some of their patients are not going to make it to the final credits. How A happened, there was something comforting, almost cathartic, about an evening that welcomed back so many old friends. The return of Casualty. the continuation of a cracking Taggart (as opposed to a tagging Cracker) and a new series of Horizon, was the signal we had been waiting for: the autumn season was at last under way. The fact that you needed two video recorders to watch all three simply confirmed it.

The trite thing to say is that their return was also a signal that television life was getting back to normal, But - and there is no tiptoeing round the unpalatable fact all three were reminders that what was actually getting back to normal was television death. None more so than Casnalty (BBCI). where we know full well that despite the gallant efforts of Charlie. Baz and co a certain proportion

this produces the warm feeling of "oh goody. Casualny's back" I don't know. But it does. Most nights. Mind you, it was touch and go

last night and you could see why the schedulers had had such trouble (the episode had been postponed twice) finding an appropriate slot. For a start, nothing much happened for the first half an hour. Somebody had a baby, a postcard arrived which, I think, said that Matt and Jude had got married (it was difficult to hear. too many people were talking) and the annual intake of new characters arrived. Among the last, the most promising appears to the new hospital manager who, played by the marvellously sinister Peter Guinness, is virtually the Devil incarnate. Charlie's going to

ty. however, is that when it does you know it's going to be big. Sure enough, as storylines converged on Holby town centre, the shopping centre was rocked by an authenticlooking bomb explosion.

ow, apart from the grisly aftermath which you could be forgiven for not being in the mood for, some might feel that it was unfortunate to have a bomb explosion in the middle of an IRA ceasefire. But nothing like as unfortunate as a couple of years ago, when the BBC's enthusiastic embrace of the initial peace process resulted in a whole raft of strongly pro-Ireland dramas seeing the light of day ... just as the bombs started going off again. At least, this way round, nobody gets disappointed.

From then it was pretty much get awfully twitchy.

The problem with nothing happening for half an hour in Casual
Casualty as normal. Some died (mainly those whose husbands hadn't been watching 999) and Casualty as normal. Some died REVIEW



Matthew Bond

some survived; some of the new characters got on with the estab-lished regulars and some didn't. As for the fortuitous vilification of the press that I mentioned on Monday, it was well wide of the mark. Taking intrusive photographs of princesses is one thing, but to describe photographers covering a bomb explosion as paparazzi" is plain ridiculous. All that said, I was still pleased

- there are still 25 episodes to come. By contrast, there is only one more instalment of the current three part Taggart (TV) to go. But I'm looking forward to that as I haven't looked forward to a Taggart episode for some time.

I've never subscribed to the view that the series couldn't survive without Mark McManus, but since his death the trio who remain James MacPherson as Mike Jardine, Blythe Duff as Jackie Reid and Ian Anders as McVitie - have been let down by scripts that have been lightweight, cliched and disappointingly straightforward. More than once it seemed that Taggart was even being played for

laughs.

That being the case then.

Robert Baboushka, written by Robert Smith, represents several steps in the right direction. It's complex (cleverly it was even less clear what was going on at the end of last night's episode than it had been at the end of the first) and it's menacing, the latter considerably aided and abetted by an impressively intense performance from Paul Ireland as the surly Duncan. Almost certainly he didn't murder Hollis, the wealthy timber merchant with a fatal weakness for

blondes, but that's by the by.
There are still glimpses of humour — Reid's backchat, Fraser's onsite interviews - but they are far more controlled than they have been in the recent past. One minute a wronged wife is theatrically throwing cups at walls, the next it's sulphuric acid at the face of beautiful but mysterious Ukrainians. She missed, but McManus, I think, would still have approved.

eath on an infinitely larger scale was the theme of Horizon (BBC2), but as the mass extinction of the dinosaurs took place some 65 million

probably cope. That was until I learnt that the last thoughts of most dinosaurs would have been-Ouch, what a particularly severe case of sunburn." And with that most of them were dead, extinct, the full fossilised disaster. Poor big

things. The story of how they met their death seemed a curious one to kick off a new series, because the suggestion that it was a comet smashing into the Earth has been around for nearly 20 years now. But rarely will you find a complex scientific story unravelled with the clarity it was last night. My abiding memory, however, will be of the late Gene Shoemaker, cheerfully discussing the odds on a comet striking Earth again, little knowing that it was the odds on a road traffic accident in Australia that ought to have been his more immediate concern. Suddenly I felt sad: death had become real again.

CHARLES OF THE STATE OF THE STA 6.00em Business Breaklast (68947) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98185299) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2023096) '9.30 Style Challenge (1861096)

9.55 Kilroy (T) (5810657) 10.35 Change That (1993183) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4265251) 11.05 The Realty Useful Show (T) (9205270) 11.35 Room for Improvement (2876270) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6735473)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (9013164) 12.35 Going for a Song (9926725) 1.00 News (T) and weather (59102) 1.30 Regional News and weather (T) (17813251)

1.40 The Weather Show (87778164) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (77556744)

2.10 Quincy (2/2) Quincy and Dr Carlisle work against the clock to identify the cause of an epidemic (r) (6398873) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (7277812)

3.25 Playdays (r) (7296947) 3.50 Dear Mr Barker (1926812) 4.05 Bananaman (T) (3069589) 4.10 To Me, to You (T) (4003589) 4.35 Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars (r) (T) (8097928) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9492164) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (5381560)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (603611) 8.00 News (T) and weather (251) 6.30 Regional News (T) (831)

7.00 Weekend Watchdog The Holiday Rescue team investigate a typhoid outbreak in the Dominican Republic; "antiques" in Brighton; and how some removal men add to the pain of moving nouse (T) (3096)

7.30 Top of the Pope Exclusives, new videos and five performances, plus a rundown of the Top 40 (T) (265)

8.00 Vete in Practice it's Christmas, but there's no rest for the young vets Emma 300 Member (1) (2/44)

-8.30 Keeping Up Appearances Hyacinth plots to rescue Richard from social obscurity (r) (1) (1251) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.30 Dangerfield: Perfect Witness The police tage difficulties when they suspect a common link between two rape victims diagnosed with hepatitis. Can Dangerfield help? (T) (989631)

CED: Challenging Children
One family's quest to
communicate with their autistic son (1)

11.20 Escape to Victory (1981) starring
Sylvester Stallone and Michael Caine.
How a group of Allied prisoners-of-war
plotted their escape by taking on their
captors in a football match. Directed by John Huston (169386)

1.10em The Incident (1990) starring Walter Matthau, Susan Blakely and Robert Carradine, A drama about a has-been lawyer detending a German officer accused of murder in a Colorado prisoner-of-war camp in 1941. Directed by Joseph Sargent (7509503) 2.40 Weather (7224752)

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BBC2 6.00am Open University: The World of the **Dragon** (4800299) **6.25** Social Scientists at Work (5982763)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (4750454) 7.30 Smurts' Adventures (6841831) 7.55 Cartoon Critters (r) (5853909) 8.20 William's Wish Wellingtons (1693675)

8.25 Wishing (7503763) 8.35 Teletubbies (1435299) 9.00 Harry and the Hendersons (2022367) 9.25 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (3228589) 9.45 Rocky Star (8023386) 9.50 Torn and Jerry (8004251) 10.00 Teletubbies (18367)

19.30 The Strawberry Blonde (b/w, 1941)

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James Cagney and Olivia de Havilland
star in this romantic comedy. Directed by
Raoul Walsh (17063893)

12.05pm The Phil Silvers Show (3218299) 12.30 Working Lunch (17541)

1.00 The Little Polar Bear (73836947) 1.05 Pingu (73835218) 1.10 The Craft Hour (8136367) 2.15 A Day That Shook the World (32204893) 2.20 Racing from Goodwood Julian Wilson

Introduces the 2.40; 3.10 and 3.40 races (550657) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (744) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone 4.55 International Tennis Quarter-finals of

the Open at Bournemouth (8584812) 6.00 Star Trek (r) (T) (216314) 6,50 The X Philes (686893) 7.00 Top Gear Motorsport World Trials Championship in California and the Czech Republic. Plus: 30th anniversary

celebrations of Formula Vee and Furocar action from Mallory Park (T) (1638)



Sir Colin Davis conducts (7.30pm)

7.30 BBC Proms '97 Live from the Albert Hell. Sir Colin Davis conducts Verdi's Requiem. Introduced by James Naughtie. Simultaneous broad-cast with Radio 3 (37386)

9.00 Bottom Richie and Eddie's world talls apart (r) (T) (1473) 9.30 Shooting Stars: The Best Bits (1/2) (T)

10,00 Room 101 Cornedian Arthur Smith is the guest (T) (98928) 10,26 Video Nation Shorts (162299) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (345893)

11.15 VR 5 Sci-fl drama, starring Lori Singer

Susan Sarandon. Written and directed by Paul Schrader (1) (539329) 1.40am Grand Central Murder (b/w, 1942) With Van Heffin, Patricia Dane and Cecilla Parker. Investigating the murder of an

12.00 Light Steeper (1991) Middle-eged drug dealer Willem Daloe tires of life in the seedy New York underworld. Also with

HTV 6.00em GMTV (7666015)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (2012980) 9.55 Regional News (T) (1579541) 10.00 The Time, the Place (52913) 10.30 This Morning Including at 10.55 News local news and weather (18387744)

12.20pm HTV News (6731657) 12.30 Noves (T) and weather (9912522) 12.55 Dogs with Dunbar (9920541) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (58654102) 1.25 Home and Away (r) (1) (58654102) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (3861386) 2.50 Garden Calendar (T) (6231015) 3.19 HTV Crimestoppers (4261034)

3.20 ITN Nows (T) (4268947) 3.25 Regional News (T) (4267218)

3.30 Jays' World (1917164) 3.40 Kipper (7750096) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (7749960) 4.00 Roger and the Rottentrolls (2083183) 4.15 Hurricanes (4097928) 4.40 Fun House (7687015)

5.10 A Country Practice (2836096) 5.40 News (T) and weather (280947) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (971724) 6.25 HTV Weather (900725) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (299)

7.00 Bruce's Price is Right Bruce Forsyth presents the popular quiz (7) (8164) 7.30 Coronation Street Jim pleads with Fiona (T) (183) 8.00 The Bill The Sun Hill squad capture a

gang of armed robbers, then discover one of their guns has gone missing (T) 8.30 Strange But True Michael Aspel introduces a new series of investig



Dylan McDermott stars (9.00pm)

9,00 The Practice New American drama from the creator of LA Law and Chicago Hope. With Dylan McDermolt, Carmyn Manheim, Steve Harris, Kelli Williams (T) (5541) 10.00 News (T) (85454)

10.30 HTV News and Weather (743541) 10.40 Late and Live Chat show presented by Deve Barrett and Patricla Yorston. Tonight's guests include Lady Colin Campbell. Music is provided by Sweet

Soul Sisters (9521305) 12.10am Short Story Clnema (3780435) 12.40 The Paul Ross Show (664394) 2.15 The Criminal (1960, b/w) Crime drama.

with Stantiy Baker, Margit Saad and Sem Wanamaker. Directed by Joseph Losey (728313) 3.55 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (79083868) 4.20 Recollections (99863315)

4.35 Coach (r) (31637868) actress on a train Directed by Sylvan Simon (1855232) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (30503) 5.39 News (27400) 2.50 Weather (7324706)

CENTRAL As HTV West except:

12,55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9920541) 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (6231015) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2536096)

6.25-7.00 Central News (954928) 10.30 Central News (734893) 10.45 Film: Hered (29045386) 2.10mm The LADS (3970619)

5.20 Asien Eye (1306110)

2.40 Box Office America (8753961) 3.05 Beywatch (5310961) 3.50 Helter Sketter (4934665) 4.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (6224315)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6731657) 12.55 Home and Away (9920541) 1.25 Dressing Up (64333134) 1.55 Westcountry Update (77561676) 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (9348198) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2836096) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (29386) 10.30 Westcountry News (734893) 10.45 Film: Hexed (29045386)

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12,55-1,25 Shortland Street (9920541) 1.50 Serve You Right (77562305) 2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (8573367) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2836096) 6.00-7.00 Maridian Tonight (29385) 10.40 The Magic and Mystery Show (622454) 11.15 Weekly World News (770454) 11.45 Wiseguy (106003)

5.00am Freescreen (30503) ANGLA

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6.23 Anglia Weather (901454) 6.25-7.00 Anglie News (954928) 10.29 Angile Air Watch (159725) 10.30 Anglie News Extra (94102)

11.00 Film: The Raven (1963) starring Vincent Price, directed by Roger Comman (840589)

Starts: 6.08am Sesame Street (51857) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49725) 9.00 Something So Right (95831) 9.30 Film: The Magnificent Depe (88522) 11.00 Food File (6305) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (7034) 12.00 Sesame Street (82367) 12.30pm Baby Baby (19909) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (83193725) 1.15 (1999) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (83193725) 1.15 Stot Syniadau Sull (83181990) 1.30 The Potter, the Miner and the Papermeter (68590) 2.00 Racing from Doncaster (2454) 4.00 Sewitched (812) 4.30 Out of Africa (116) 5.00 5 Pump (9270) 5.30 Countdown (676) 6.00 Newyddion (648473) 6.05 Heno (171552) 6.35 Hollol Benenas (917015) 7.00 Pobol y e.35 Holiot Bernarias (31701s) 7.00 Popol y Cwm (138831) 7.25 Byd Arall (608657) 8.00 John Ac Alun (5454) 8.30 Newyddion (846305) 9.20 Y Byd ar Bedwar (246102) 10.05 Brookside (683305) 10.40 Friends (269638) 11.10 Jo Brand Show: Like it or Listip ft (106086) 11.40 King of the Hill (162812) 12.19am TFI Friday (8812446) 1.10 Film: Police Story if (835918) 3.10 Film: Arrewamith (677400)

CHANNEL 4 6,00mm Seseme Street (51657) 7.00 The Big Breekfast (49725)

9.00 Something So Right (95531)
9.30 The Magnificent Dope (1942, b/w) A comedy starring Henry Fonda as the laziest man in America. Directed by Walter Lang (88522)

11.00 Food File (r) (T) (6305) 11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier Aubergine and cheese terrine; roast lamb and raisin couscous: pear clafouti (7) (7034)

12.69 Sesame Street (82367) 12.30pm Baby Baby (19909) 1.00 Light Lunch (r) (68544) 2.00 Racing from Doncaster Brough Scott introduces five coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.85 and 3.35 races (2454)

4.00 Sewitched (r) (T) (812) 4.30 Countdown (T) (6081387) 4.55 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2243198) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (676)

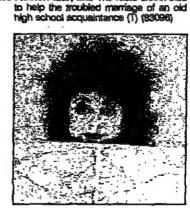
6.00 TFI Fridey with Chris Evans. The guests include Biton John (27928) 7.09 Channel 4 News (T). Includes weather at 7.30 (352831)

7.55 Yes Yes A final comic look at the Scottish vote on devolution (812541)

8.06 Garden Party The experts visit the Garden in Mind in West Sussex (1) (5454) 8.30 Brookside Rachel is horified with the way Christian is treating her. Office grows concerned that he is losing Danny's disctions (T) (4589) 9.00 Friends: The One Where Chandles

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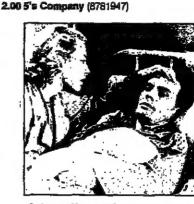
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Hoddle takes positive path to lion's den

THE long history of Rome is wellversed in moments of truth. If you put your hand in the Bocra della Verita, a mouth set in an ancient fore of stone and sella line. face of stone, and tell a lie, legend says that it will snap off your hand.
If you set foot in the Olympic
Stadium in front of 80,000 baying Italians on an October night and expect an easy ride to the World Cup finals at the expense of your hosts, reality dictates that you will suffer a rude awakening.

England's training schedule dur-

ing the three days that they will spend in the Eternal City before the showdown with Italy on October 11 and the fabled aversion of some of the players to seeing some of the great sights of the world, even when they are on their doorstep, means that Glean Hoddle need not worry about members of his squad losing any fingers in the preamble

After the convincing 40 victory over Moldova on Wednesday

night, the England coach's analysis of his team's prospects for World Cup qualification, now that they only need a point from the game in Rome, suggests that they will not lose their heads either.

He is optimistic, of course, and has every reason to be. Without Alan Shearer, Teddy Sheringham. Paul Ince and Tony Adams, Eng-



performance to dispose of the Moldovans. In midfield, Paul Gascoigne returned to something close to his creative best; in attack, lan Wright showed that he is a capable deputy for Shearer with two well-taken goals and an astute pass that set up the third goal for

Gascoigne. Even more important, perhaps, was the fact that Italy had slipped to a dull, goalless draw against Georgia in Tbilisi, a result that changed the whole complexion of group two by leaving England at its head and Italy needing to chase a win in Rome, rather than just a

Moreover, they will have to attempt to get those three points without the influential Chelsea midfield player, Roberto Di Matteo, who will be absent through suspension, and against an England team that should be bolstered by the fearsome midfield qualities of Ince and the defensive nous of Adams.

unflappable stance Hoddle has taken since England's defeat by Italy at Wembley in February, his calm assertion that qualification would go right to the wire. Even though the tables have now turned and England are in the driving seat, Hoddle is maintaining his sense of perspective.

(Richard Owen writes).
"Oh Maldini, what have you done?" the headline in Corriere

dello Sport wailed, while RAI, the

Italian state television, gloomily contrasted Italy's "abysmal" per-formance in the 0-0 draw against

Georgia with England's 40 win

Maldini was unrepentant. "We

over Moldova.

task to win the game, but I have always said that I thought we could win there and I think, psychologically, there is an edge that has swung round towards us. Maldini comes under fire

thinking about Rome, but we will

need steady heads over there and

we will need to play shrewdly." Hoddle said. "It will be a hell of a

ITALY yesterday turned on Cesare Maldini, with commentators warning that if they lost or drew savage media coverage reflected the long faces among Italians against England next month his reading the sports papers in the job as coach was on the line bars of Rome.

"It was a depressing speciacle." Corriere reported. "Just too many errors." "Now it's back to square one," La Gazzetta della Sport said in a front-page editorial. "Somebody should have told Maldini that a draw in Stalin's city was as had as losing. He has barely a month to turn things round, but he has to lose his lear of taking risks

"We don't need to go there and win the game any more. The pressure is just a little bit more on them. Obviously, it is sometimes a great help to have 80,000 fans behind you, but, if the pressure builds up and they don't get a goal early, that could count against

"We have got a platform to go there now with belief. It is going to be about how much we have belief in ourselves to go there and win the game. It is very difficult for English players to go anywhere with the mentality of drawing a game, so our approach will still be to try to win. Give me my experienced players, and give me them fit, and we will be in with a good

One of those experienced players is Gascoigne, who will have an extra incentive to perform to his optimum in the Olympic Stadium because he played there during his troubled years with Lazio in Serie A. Hoddle devoted a large portion of his post-match comments to praising the attitude of the player thick and thin.

"If he had not had a good game," Hoddle said. we all know what the headlines would have been and what the questions would have been — Was this his last chance? and We cannot play him in Rome - but he was absolutely magnificent. Some people will say, 'it was only Moldova', but if it was that easy, all the players would have been doing what he was doing, but they weren't. It was Paul Gas-

coigne who was doing it.

"He showed enough during the Tournoi for me to know that, if he Tournoi for me to know that, if he could remain injury-free, we could get him back to nearly his very best. He has gone a long, long way to showing that he has got that ability. At last, he is starting to show some real signs of maturity."

If Gascoigne can go to the Bocca della Verita after the match against light say that he played his best

Italy, say that he played his best game and emerge with his hand untouched. England should by then have secured their place in

Gough adds to Yorkshire's woes

Defiant Marsh turns title tide in Kent's favour

BY ALAN LEE

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Kens have a firstinnings lead of 62 runs over

EITHER side of lunchtime in the ball swinging. Yorkshire-Grail that is the characionship. After 29 years, it is a subject raised only with low voices in dark corners in these parts, but as five Kent wickets fell for 33 runs, even the most cynical in another 4.000strong crowd began checking their diaries for next week.

It was then that Kent demonstrated the depth and detTOP OF TABLE

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ermination that has taken Leeds, with the clouds low and them to the head of the table and may now keep them there. men dared to speak of victory
and, moreover, of the Holy
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simultaneously, things began
to go wrong for Yorkshire. none more serious than a hamstring injury that brought Darren Gough hobbling from the field, his comeback - and his season - at an end.

Without their spearhead again. Yorkshire began to toil. Chris Silverwood persevered seven for 93, but the most significant statistic of a second

predicament of 202 for seven. the last three Kent wickets added 172, 84 of them scored by the captain, Steve Marsh. For someone who regularly

bats at No 9, Marsh has had a remarkable season. These runs brought his first-class aggregate to 821 and were made, as is his wont, without fuss or flourish. Kent secured a first-innings lead of 62, riches that had a beyond them, and the bad light that prevented Yorkshire batting again was indicative of their darkening day.

The loss of Gough was

central. He had bowled only five unthreatening overs before lunch and was in his first of a new spell when he pulled up. Wayne Morton, physiotherapist to Yorkshire and England, admitted the possibility that the latest setback was connected to the knee injury that had kept him out of the last two Tests of the Ashes

"These things can happen through overcompensation," Morton said. "He will obviously not bowl again here and, as hamstring injuries take three or four weeks to clear up. the priority now is to get him fully fit for his winter commit-

ments with England."
The onus fell heavily upon Yorkshire's two recent England A selections and the fact that one took seven wickets and the other only one was an injustice. Paul Hutchison beat the bat more times than he could decently count before finally yorking Marsh. It could be called part of the could be called part of the learning curve for one to whom success has come in a rush, but Hutchison would



Silverwood celebrates the fall of Fleming, whose dismissal earned him career-best figures of seven for 93. Photograph: Simon Wilkinson

have been ill-disposed to such philosophy. Silverwood's day could

hardly have been more different. It seemed that he had only to grab the ball to take a wicket. His first over found Fulton thin-edging a pull to be caught behind and he struck with the second and third balls of subsequent spells. Only while Ward was making a rapid 56 - 48 of them in fours

 while the sun shone before noon did Silverwood struggle. An inswinger from White hit Ward's leg stump and Headley, who had taken his nightwatchman brief to unexpected lengths, was thrown out by Stemp as he attempted

second run to third man. Byas recalled Silverwood and, as the cloud cover lowered, he defeated Wells and Ealham

with late swing. When Cowdrey stretched forward to the first ball after lunch, giving Blakey a regulation catch and Silverwood his fifth wicket. Kent were confronting a delicit large enough to be serious on a pitch cracked in places and offering increasingly uneven pace and bounce. Yorkshire, however. lost their way.

Gough and White left the field, the latter for running repairs to a back complaint, and Hutchison continued luckless, Byas dropping Fleming off him at slip with the score 241. Another 44 accrued before the stand was broken. once more by Silverwood, as Fleming was too adventurous outside off stump and depart-

ed for a responsible 53. The best and most influential batting came from Marsh, spanning the afternoon session and another hour afterwards. Only against Vaughan, whose off spin he suddenly dispatched for 4-4-6, did he deviate from disciplined self-denial. The ninthwicket stand of 86 with an equally imperturbable Strang may have turned this game, if the deteriorating weather per-

mits a proper conclusion.

There has been no trophy for Celtic since the Tennents Scottish Cup in 1995, even if the present side did seem equipped to cope with the demands during their 1-0 victory over Motherwell on

Dunfermline will view the tie as a means of atonement. Last year, they were crushed 6-1 by Rangers in the semi-

final. To Aberdeen, the Coca-Cola Cup represents a refuge. They have only won twice in the league since December. They won this cup two seasons ago,

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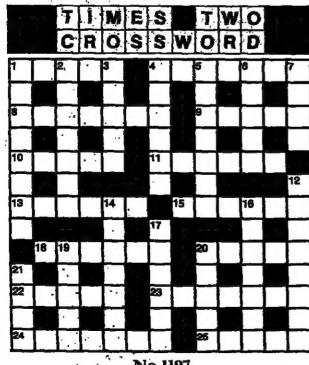
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Woodward is new coach

ENGLAND's long and occasionally embarrassing search for a new coach will end on Monday, when Clive Wood-ward will be confirmed as the successor to Jack Rowell. Woodward, to whom the Rugby Football Union turned once Ian McGeechan had rejected the job, has signed a full-time, three-year contract.

The delay in confirming Woodward's appointment the international squads announced vesterday meet next Wednesday - had been caused by his reluctance to break his verbal agreement with Bath, where he has been ceaching on a part-time basis this season. He had hoped to combine both roles until next June, but Twickenham has long insisted that whoever followed Rowell, who resigned for business reasons at the end of last month, would have to

commit himself full-time. "It was made clear 14 months ago that the next appointment would be full time and we could not go back on that, even if it meant losing Clive. We are delighted to worked things out



because he will be good for England," a source at Twickenham said yesterday.

Woodward, 41, was prepared to forsake the chance to take over rather than walk out on Bath. However, the club told him this week that he would be released, albeit reluctantly, rather than be denied the opportunity he covets. Bath will be paid compensation, the amount of which will

ell, of Sale, as the forwards'

be finalised over the weekend. The complete coaching staff will be in place by Monday, with Roger Uttley confirmed as manager and John Mitch-

manage England A. assisted by Rob Smith, of Wasps, and Richard Hill, of Gloucester, who had been refused permission by his club to contemplate An extended training squad

of 77 players will have an opportunity to meet the new management teams at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday, among them the two Wasps back-row forwards, Mike White and Peter Scrivener, who have yet to appear in an England A team or senior tour party. Every English player who toured with either the British Isles in South Africa or England in Argentina during the summer is included.

Simon Shaw starts his first competitive match for Wasps on Sunday, when the English league champions play Glasgow in the second round of Heineken Cup matches. Meanwhile, Harlequins prefer Huw Harries to Nick Walshe at scrum half against Bourgoin at the Stoop Memorial Ground tomorrow and Jeremy Guscott returns from injury to the Bath side to play the Scottish Borders at Hawick on Sunday.

Underdogs handed Celtic tie

ALL prizes are coveted, but the semi-finalists of the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup will feel that they are competing for more than just the trophy itself (Kevin McCarra writes). Yesterday. Dunfermline Athletic were drawn to face Celtic and Aberdeen to meet Dundee United.

though. over the holders, Rangers, testified to a recovery of their form of last scason.